TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

Woman's Society Of Christian Service

Including

Wesleyan Service Guild

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE METHODIST CHURCH

1959 - 1960

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES — 1960-1961

First Period June 15th to November 15th:

June 10-12 ..... Jurisdiction Guild Week-end, Mt. Sequoyah
June 13-17 ..... Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah
July 15-17 ..... Guild Week-end, Camp Brewer
July 15 ..... Secretaries of Student Work send blue cards to Directors of Wesley Foundations

August 15-19 ..... School of Missions, Centenary College

September 10-11 ..... Guild Coaching Conference and Mid-Year Executive Meeting, Camp Brewer
September ..... Missionary Education Seminars

October 19-20 ..... Mid-year Executive Meeting, New Orleans—St. Luke's and Lake Vista Churches
October 24 ..... United Nations' Day
October 24-28 ..... Week of Prayer and Self-Denial

Second Period November 15th to June 1st, 1961

November 15th ..... Reports of all officers except treasurers due to be sent to District Officers

December 10 ..... Human Rights Day

January ..... Wesleyan Service Guild Month

February 20-23 ..... Jurisdiction Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas, Pulaski Heights Church
February ..... Guild and Woman's Society election of officers and nominating committee
Elect delegates to Annual Meeting
February 17 ..... World Day of Prayer

March ..... Send list of officers to District Secretary of Promotion

March 14-17 ..... Annual Meeting of Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles
March 17-19 ..... Annual Meeting of Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Lake Charles

April 2 ..... Easter Sunday
April 9-22 ..... Annual Meetings of District Woman's Society

May ..... Pledge Service for New Year
Install Officers
May 15 ..... Reports from all officers except treasurers due to District Officers

Annual Report from all workers, conference officers, and district secretaries of promotion due the Recording Secretary of the Conference by June 10, 1961.

Note
CALENDAR FOR TREASURERS See inside of back cover

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NOEL MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Shreveport, Louisiana
March 16-20, 1960

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service shall be to unite all women of the church in Christian living and service; to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; to develop the spiritual life; to study the needs of the world; to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions. To this end this organization shall seek to enlist women, young people, and children in this Christian fellowship, and to secure funds for the activities in the local church and the support of the work undertaken at home and abroad for the establishment of a world Christian community.

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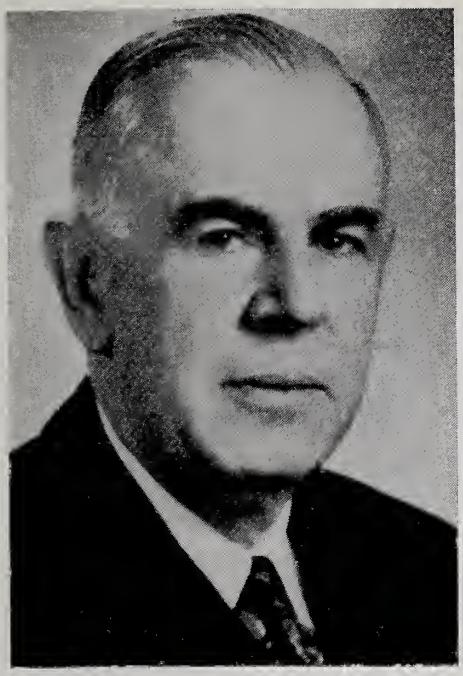
DEDICATION

To Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, in sincere appreciation for their sixteen years of consecrated Service to the Louisiana Annual Conference, we dedicate this volume.

To us in Louisiana, the Martins are as one in their genuine demonstration of the Christian graces.

Mrs. Martin's quiet strength, unobtrusive counsel, and natural friendliness have left a lasting impression on our lives.

Seldom in the modern history of the Methodist Church has one man yielded so much benevolent influence over so many as has Bishop Martin. As preacher, as administrator, as counsellor, as our chief pastor, and as our friend, Bishop Martin has written a record and left an influence "which fadeth not away."



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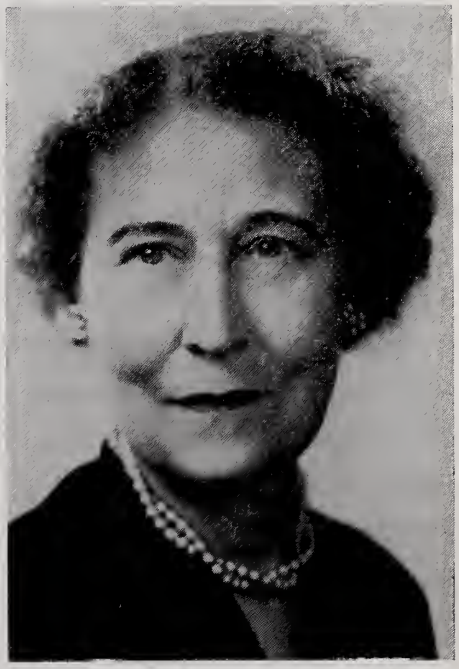

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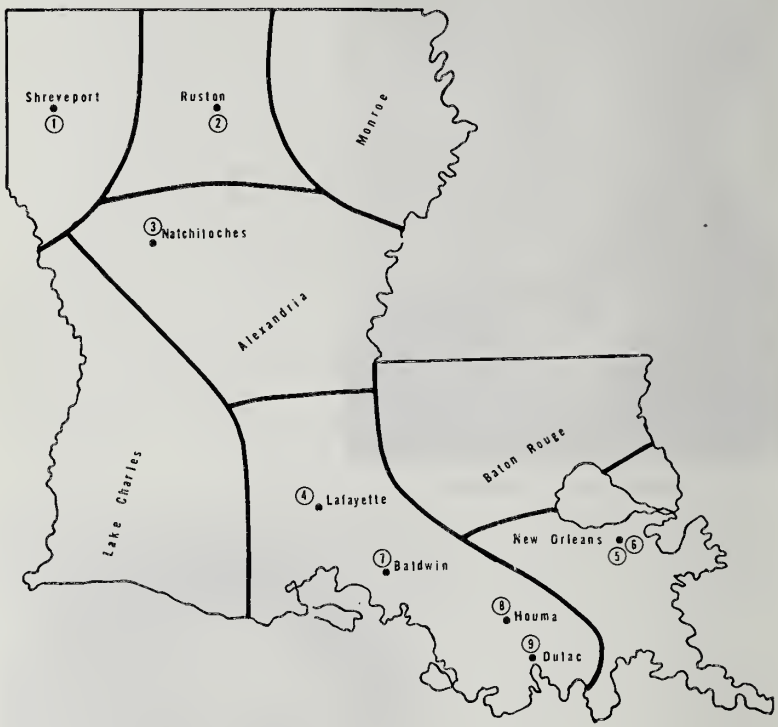
1960 - 1961



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② Educational Institutions—Methodist Student Center, LPI

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⑤ Urban Work—St. Mark's Community Center

⑥ Urban Work—People's Community Center

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1960 - 1964

1. **THE FAITH THAT COMPELS US:** to Bring to Bear on All Human Life the Spirit and Principles of Christ

2. **FRONTIERS THAT CALL US:** Secularism, Resurgence of Non-Christian Religions, Barriers of Race and Culture, Urbanization, Nationalism

3. **FACTORS THAT CONFRONT US:** Rapid Social Change, New Patterns of Family Life, Population Explosions, International Tensions, Changing Trends in Missions

4. **THE PROGRAM THAT UNITES US IN WITNESS AND SERVICE:** Developing the Spiritual Life, Studying the Needs of the World, Strengthening the Local Church, Improving Community, National and World Conditions, Recruiting Workers, Securing Funds for Support of the Work at Home and Abroad

Annual Meetings of the Louisiana Conference

1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting
1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29-May 1.
1942—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, April 14-16.
1943—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 30-April 1.
1944—First Methodist Church, Crowley, March 28-30.
1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19-21.
1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8-10.
1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22-24.
1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28-30.
1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-24.
1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-19.
1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17-19.
1954—Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24-26.
1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18-20.
1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2-4.
1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.
1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18-20.
1959—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 4-6.
1960—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.

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1946-1954—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
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1958- —Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

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A woman may become a member of this society by giving prayer, service, and an annual contribution of money to the total budget through membership offerings, or dues, pledges or gifts. She shall contribute to, educate for, and promote the total program of the women of Methodism.

I PLEDGE

MY PRAYERS to bind me closer to HIM in whose strength I live.
MY SERVICE in the extension of God's kingdom.
MY GIFTS to the support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

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Gueydan ..... Mrs. Harris Johnson
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Lake Charles:
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- First ..... Mrs. Edith Sigbornsen, 1710 S. Carrollton
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- Parker Mem. ..... Mrs. Lila Christoffel, 526 State St., 18
- Rayne Mem. ..... Mrs. Jesse B. Hayes, 3229 Jefferson Ave.
- St. Luke's ..... Mrs. Don F. Huey, 6035 Louis XIV, 24
- Second ..... Mrs. Kathryn Wallace, 825 Independence St., 17

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Haynesville ..... Miss Mabel Camp, Rt. 3
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Mansfield ..... Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, 410 Hope St.
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  - Alma Levins Unit ..... Mrs. Illa Volentine, 1173 Dudley Dr.
- Morningside ..... Mrs. Doyle Crittenden, 2625 Essex St.
- Noel Memorial ..... Miss Eola Brewster, 129½ Jordan St.
- Park Avenue ..... Miss Mildred Kee, 3556 Judson St.
- Summer Grove ..... Mrs. Lucile Jones, 9065 Mansfield Rd.
- Trinity ..... Mrs. Bill Dooley, 3619 Jackson St.
- Wynn Memorial ..... Mrs. James E. Carr, 3201 Boss St.

Zwolle ..... Mrs. W. E. Crutchfield, Jr.

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1960 - 1961

Home Field Askings $7379.18 | **Foreign Field Askings $4910.00**

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Ewha High School

People's Methodist Community Center
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Bengal Conference
Dhanbad District

Wesley Foundation, S.L.I.
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L. A. Mexico
Chihuahua, Sanitorio Palmore

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING — CENTENARY COLLEGE, AUGUST 17, 1959

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met for a called session in James Dormitory on Centenary College Campus at 8:15 p. m., August 17, 1959. There were thirty-four members present.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president.

The meditation and prayer were given by Mrs. W. W. Paxton.

Communications were read. Special mention was made of Mrs. E. N. Jackson's book of Bible stories written for children. The secretary was instructed to send notes to Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. E. A. Sartor, the Paul M. Brown family, Mrs. W. W. Hyde and Miss Ola Mae Pennington.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher and Mrs. R. R. Cahal were named as the committee to examine the minutes of the called session.

The recording secretary presented the Nineteenth Annual Report with special mention of the dedication to Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey. Mrs. Laskey responded in a most appreciative manner.

Attention was called to the fact that Miss Shiela Nuttall and Mrs. Cahal had been placed on the Committee on Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., secretary of Promotion, urged that missionaries in residence be used to speak to small groups in the local churches. She spoke of the net loss of 34 members and stressed the importance of building up the membership. She announced that Mrs. W. B. Landrum will be available to itinerate in the conference in April, 1961.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, the president having arrived, presided.

Complete reports of meetings which Mrs. M. R. Tatum and Mrs. Cahal attended will be given at the Mid-Year Meeting.

Mrs. Pomeroy announced the White House Conference on Children and Youth which meets March 27-April 2, 1960. There will be 53 delegates from Louisiana, seven of whom may be youth. It is hoped that a Methodist youth will be in the group.

Mrs. J. H. McSween moved that the conference Woman's Society give $75.00 toward the expense of a Methodist youth, if one should be selected, to attend the White House Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Pomeroy recommended that the Reverend Harry Ezell of MacDonell Methodist Center would be an excellent representative to the White House Conference.

Mrs. McSween moved that Mrs. Pomeroy submit the Reverend Ezell's name as a representative. Motion carried.

Miss Louise Sharp reported that 86 young people would attend the National Convocation of Methodist Youth meeting at Purdue University the week of August 24th, 1959.

Dates for School of Missions for 1960 were announced as Aug. 15-19.

Mrs. Tatum, chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, was asked to notify the Terrebonne Parish School Board of our interest in the establishment of a Trade School in that parish for the Indians, since they are not allowed to attend the trade school of the community.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, chairman of Annual Meeting Program Committee for 1960, reported on dates for the meeting as March 15-18. Dr. James K. Mathews, General Secretary of the Board of World Missions,

will be one of the speakers. The theme will be "Christ's Changeless Message for a Changing Time."

Mrs. G. W. Dameron reported on the distribution of the booklet on "Tours". Additional copies are available upon request.

The president of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation contacted Mrs. Kilpatrick, asking that Methodist women oppose the calling of the State Legislature for the Special Session. Mrs. Kilpatrick had expressed an opinion opposing the need for the Special Session. This action was heartily endorsed by the Committee.

On September 10 the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation will meet. The regular meeting is scheduled for September 23.

Mrs. Dameron reviewed the "Guide" which she is preparing to help local societies in the study of the Nineteenth Annual Report.

She moved that the Committee endorse the "Guide" as a means of studying the Report. Seconded and carried. It was suggested that Mrs. Patterson mail copies to societies. Due to the scarcity of copies of the Annual Report, it was suggested that copies furnished to the district secretaries of Promotion and the conference officers be loaned to local societies, if they are needed. Further, it was suggested that the Committee on Annual Report should consider increasing the price of the Report.

Youth delegates from Baton Rouge, Ruston, Lake Charles and Monroe districts are attending the Jurisdiction Board of Missions this week at Mt. Sequoyah. The district superintendents through the conference Board of Missions and the district Woman's Society in each district cooperated in financing their attendance.

The meeting of the Missionary Personnel Conference at National College on Nov. 13-15 was announced. Christian Vocations Weekend will follow with junior or senior college students eligible to attend. Transportation expense and seven dollars cover the cost.

The members were asked to promote the $96.00 gift to Woman's Division for the support of missions for five minutes. Individuals are to be encouraged to give in this manner, rather than groups. The money goes directly to the conference treasurer, rather than through the regular channels.

Dates of meetings were announced as follows: The South Central Jurisdiction Executive Committee Meeting at Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport, Nov. 2-5; Jurisdiction meeting of the Woman's Society Feb. 22-25, 1960 in San Antonio; Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, June 13-17, 1960; WSG Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 11-12, 1960; Jurisdictional Conference, beginning June 22, 1960 in San Antonio; WSG Weekend for Louisiana Conference, July 16-17, 1960 at Camp Brewer.

Miss Sue Batton announced the Coaching Conference for the Wesleyan Service Guild as Sept. 19-20, 1959 at Camp Brewer.

Mrs. Robley Davis presented the "Missionary Minute" and also an information sheet on African missions.

Mrs. P. D. Lambert moved that the latter be sold for ten cents at the School of Missions in the classes and the bookroom. Seconded and carried. Any left over copies are to be sold at the Seminars in September.

The Executive Committee recommended that all officers on the district level be members of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sam Dunbar dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Approved:

Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Mrs. R. R. Cahal

Mrs. J. C. Whitaker, Recording Sec'y.
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

First Methodist Church, Natchitoches, Louisiana

September 30, October 1, 1959

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at 3 p.m. on September 30, 1959 in the worshipful Sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Following the organ prelude, hymns 267 and 487 were sung. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, president, extended words of welcome to the committee and presented the Reverend Robert Tatum who led the meditation period. The scripture lesson was read from Luke 6:20-31. He stated that as Methodist Christians we are challenged to define for ourselves basic beliefs and follow through with deeds. He concluded his message with prayer.

Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, president of the local society and a member of the Executive Committee, gave the welcome from her society and church. She expressed the regret of the minister, the Reverend George Pearce, that he was not able to be present for the meeting.

Roll call showed the following members absent: Mesdames P. D. Lambert, W. W. Paxton, F. E. Kennon, Robley Davis, Lee Tidwell, W. W. Hyde, Louis Yammarino, Frank S. Jackson, R. S. Wade, J. E. Manis, George Grafton, and J. L. Saxon. Mrs. M. A. Reber volunteered to assist the secretary in sending cards to the absent members. Among those to be sent cards were also Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait and Mrs. George Sexton.

Mrs. Whitaker moved that the minutes be accepted as circularized, except for the following correction: "She (Mrs. Dameron) moved that the committee endorse the 'Guide' as a means of studying the Report." This motion should be corrected to read: "Mrs. Dameron reviewed the 'Guide' which she is preparing to help local societies in the study of the Nineteenth Annual Report. She moved (1) that each Society and Guild incorporate in its program, as early as possible in the current year, plans for the study of the Annual Report; (2) that the study be reported on the blank provided on the last page of the Annual Report; (3) that the Executive Committee of each District Society set aside a period of time, at the earliest possible meeting, for the study of the Annual Report." Motion was seconded and carried.

The secretary circulated the sheets showing the directory changes which have come about since the printing of the Annual Report. Additional changes will be noted on a sheet to be enclosed with the minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting.

The correspondence was read, following which Mrs. Dameron led in prayer for Mrs. A. J. Ensminger, a former member of the committee, and for Dr. Vela Cleveland, whose mother recently passed away.

Mrs. Kilpatrick appointed Mrs. S. E. Richardson and Mrs. Sam Dunbar to the Journal Committee; Mrs. M. R. Tatum and Mrs. L. K. Wells were named to the Resolutions Committee.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, member of the Woman's Division, reported on the recent meeting of the Division which she had attended. Due to the fact that the group had dealt with problems pertaining to General Conference, it was difficult to report on such matters. She spoke of the revision of Constitution and ByLaws which is contemplated. Of special note is the discontinuance of the office of Status of Women on all organizational levels, however, the emphasis will not be dropped. The income increase for the past year has been 4.16% over 3.71% for

last year; Week of Prayer increase of $18,000; cash for supplies increased from 3.06% to 4.04% — or over $38,000. The percapita giving is $5.93 over against $5.69 of the past year. Salaries are too low; salaries for new workers will need to be raised. A General Secretary of the Woman's Division is a proposed change. This person will work in cooperation with the president and secretaries in the Division. Executive Secretaries will be increased from five to seven in both home and foreign field. One of these will be a permanent secretary in the office all the time, while other secretaries are carrying on the work in their particular fields. Dr. Marie Finger Bale from India will serve in the interim period in the department of Missionary Personnel, taking Miss Alpharetta Leeper's place. Miss Nellie Dyer, interned twice during the war, has been given a pension relationship after having served twenty-seven years and one month under the Woman's Division. Ten overseas Christians are being brought to our country and will be available to speak in meetings. The Boylan-Haven School has been combined with Mather Academy and is now called Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy. The architect has approved the new building planned for Dulac Indian Center and construction will proceed when funds are available after the Week of Prayer observance. The name of Mothers' Jewels Home has been changed to Epworth Village. Interest from funds in trust may be relinquished for the Brooks-Howell Home in North Carolina. There is a long list of retired misisonaries and deaconesses who wish to enter this home when it is opened. $550,000 are needed for a new building. There is already a building on the property which will be used, in addition to the new building being planned. Mrs. Laskey commented on the time which women give to the work of the Division. At the missionary conference at Mt. Sequoyah this past summer five young women from Louisiana who want to enter full-time Christian service, if accepted, conferred with Bishop Martin in a special meeting. They were: Miss Sue Saunders of Minden, Miss Ethel Tycer of Tickfaw, Miss Carolyn Denison of Iowa, Miss Alice Ruth Harrington of Wisner, and Miss Margaret Ann Jones of Minden. Mrs. Laskey announced that Miss Marjory Graham, a nurse who had been accepted, has withdrawn her name due to her plans to be married. Miss Anna Givens, who is doing an excellent job in the Woman's Division, sent her love and best wishes to Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.

The Jurisdiction Conference on Missions will meet August 23-26, 1960. A young person from each district will have the opportunity of attending. One hundred dollars is given each district by the conference Board of Mission for sending delegates to the Conference on Missions, with preference being given to the youth representative from each district. The youth must be a high school graduate and eighteen years of age or over.

Mrs. Dunbar reported that the South Central Jurisdiction had a decrease in Supply giving. Some askings have been late in going out to societies and Guild units; however, money had been given anyway.

Miss Sue Batton, reporting for the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference, announced an increase in membership. An increase in approved studies is being planned; seminars have been held in some of the districts; UN Day will be observed by some Units; Guild Month in January will be observed in many churches. There are two new Guilds. They are Gordon Avenue Church in the Monroe District and Grace Church in Ruston. There are now 2,062 Guild members in the conference. Twenty-five attended the Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah and three chairmen of lines of work along with Miss Batton attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah. A large number attended Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer. There are 554 subscribers to **Guild Times.** Miss Batton announced that the conference had sent a cable to Dr. Cleveland at the time of her mother's death. Mrs. E. T. Cowell has been placed on the Christian Social Relations Committee. The Annual Coaching Conference was held at Camp Brewer on September 19-20.

Miss Louise Sharp gave the prayer to close the afternoon session.

Dinner was served in the Social Hall of the church with the circles, Bessie Jordan and Maude Barr serving as hostesses. Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader asked the blessing.

Wednesday Night

The session opened with prayer led by Mrs. R. O. Coorpender.

The recording secretary reported that 800 copies of the Annual Report cost the conference approximately $1300.00, which included mailing costs. Nearly all of the copies have been distributed. Many comments have been received, expressing favor for the "new look" which the book assumed with this issue. Now local societies are using the "Guide for the Study of the Annual Report." Interest in the Clinic at the School of Missions and officer training day in the districts was good. More and more district and local recording secretaries are realizing the importance of their work.

The Treasurer's Report for the first quarter 1959-1960 was given by Mrs. J. H. McSween, as follows:

Receipts:		
Balance in Bank May 20, 1959	$ 5,486.96	
Receipts first quarter	34,875.34	
	$40,362.30	
Disbursements:		
To Woman's Division	$23,325.46	
Transient Funds	10.88	
Conference Cultivation	2,172.80	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation	727.29	26,236.43
Balance in Bank August 14, 1959		$14,125.87

Mrs. Richardson left the meeting and the president asked Mrs. R. R. Cahal to take her place on the Journal Committee.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., secretary of Promotion, stated that membership is a vital concern of her office as well as that of the entire Woman's Divison. Because of this concern the Division is now conducting a Pilot Survey throughout the United States to find the actual status of the women in the churches and to see how the employment patterns of women are affecting our organization. This study divides the churches and communities into five classifications: urban, suburban, industrial, small town, and rural. Each conference is to conduct a survey of a church in each category. All except one of the churches chosen in the conference have accepted the responsibility of participating in the survey and the necessary material has been mailed to them. 513 copies of the "Guide for the Study of the Annual Report" as written by Mrs. G. W. Dameron were mailed in time to be used in the Missionary Education Seminars. An effort is being made to secure a missionary to itinerate in the conference for the district meetings, April 19-30, 1960.

Mrs. Robley Davis, secretary of Missionary Service, had sent a written report which the secretary read. She continues to work to establish a personal relationship between the missionary, deaconess, or contract worker on the mission field and the local member of the Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild. She urged that members send birthday cards and notes to the workers who serve in Louisiana or out of the state. For a complete list of workers and their birthdays see June 1 issue of "The Louisiana Conference News" and the recent issue of "The Missionary Minute." Each local secretary of Missionary Education and chairman in the Guild is responsible to present excerpts from the news sheet each month, along with other missionary informa-

tion. The workers and the work are to be lifted up as objects of special prayer. The missionary rejoices in our love for her and a great joy is felt by the secretary of Missionary Service in corresponding with the workers and transmitting information to the local women.

Mrs. P. D. Lambert sent her report to the secretary. Highlights are taken from it as follows: Twenty-six from Louisiana attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah; 1960 South Central Jurisdiction School of Misisons will be June 13-17, with the theme "Thy Word, Our Law;" pattern of attendance is President, Vice-President, secretaries of Missionary Education, Missionary Service, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Weseleyan Service Guild, Promotion, Literature and Publications, Missionary Personnel; courses will be "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions," "Into All the World Together," "Christian Responsibility and the Alcohol Problem," and "Basic Christian Beliefs." Seminar reports show that 230 societies participated with 117 secretaries of Missionary Educaton represented and a total attendance of 1303. For the first reporting period, there was an increase of 21 Jurisdiction Recognition classes in 1959-1960 over the previous year.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, secretary of Christian Social Relations, moved that the Eexecutive Committee of the Louisiana Conference send a memorial to the General Conference, requesting that a fifth Commission, namely, a Commission on Christian Social Relations be made mandatory in the local church. Seconded and carried.

Groups will observe UN Day on October 24; World Order Sunday, October 25; World Community Day, November 6; and Human Rights Day, December 10. "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF will be carried out this year in many communities. TV monitoring will be done again this year. Societies have been chosen to monitor and reports are to be sent in by November 1. Citizenship Brunches are more important than ever this year, since it is election year. Study the issues and the candidates, Mrs. Tatum urged. Two kits concerning housing are available from Mrs. Tatum. A Workshop on Housing is a new emphasis for the year. Mrs. Tatum has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Women over the state are cooperating with United Church Women, League of Women Voters, Louisiana Youth Commission, P. T. A. and other agencies which promote good citizenship and better community life. Mrs. Tatum expressed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the various meetings of the year, which concern her line of work.

Mrs. Tatum reported briefly on the National Seminar on Christian Social Relations which met at Bennett College, July 21-31. The theme of the Seminar was "The Family in a World of Rapid Social Change." The term "family" refers to the world family. Outgrowths from this seminar will appear in plans projected for the quadrennium. Amidst all the changes, one finds that the Lord of all Life does not change. There are no sure channels; each individual must meet the situation and attempt the dangerous without despair. The Church must know the pulse of the world, if we are to meet the world's need. Six young people from over the United States attended the Seminar. There were 150 in attendance.

Mrs. Charles Giessen, secretary of Student Work, has served as a member of several Wesley Foundation Boards. She visited other foundations and the MSM on the Centenary Campus. Opportunity to meet and visit with the nine directors, including the state director, has been most helpful. All directors express appreciation for the Woman's Society as a whole, most especially for the local and campus secretaries of Student Work. Miss Ruth Harris is the new secretary of Student Work in the Woman's Division, replacing Miss Dorothy Nyland. Mrs. Giessen urged that churches invite deputation teams from the Wesley Foundation to assist local church groups in some special task. She asked that the committee support and encourage the one dollar per

member plan for supporting Wesley Foundations. The request for the conference to give travel aid to 20 Louisiana Methodist students who attend the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference in Athens, Ohio, December 27-January 2, was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, secretary of Youth Work, expressed appreciation to the committee members for their concern in regard to her mother's illness. She announced that the conference pledge to the MYFund is $10,000, an increase of $2,000. Fifty-nine secretaries of Youth are advisors in the area of Christian Outreach in local MYF groups. Recently a letter has gone out defining the work of the local secretary of Youth Work. Secretaries of Youth Work are responsible for the missionary education of youth in the local church; the missionary outreach of youth beyond the local church through the MYFund; and adult leadership (discover and help prepare adult leaders of youth). On October 19-20 there will be a conference-wide staff meeting at Camp Brewer. Workers with youth under the Board of Education and the Woman's Society on the conference and district levels will plan for a united effort in working with young people.

Mrs. R. R. Cahal, secretary of Children's Work, reported on the purpose of the Regional Meeting which she had attended in Kansas City on May 6-7. During the School of Missions at Centenary College, Dr. Bentley Sloane met with the conference secretary, district directors, and district secretaries to discuss the overall program for children in the conference. District secretaries of Children's Work and district directors will attend a conference-wide convocation at Camp Brewer on October 19-20 for the purpose of coordinating the work further. Reports indicate that a Workshop in connection with district seminars has been held in seven of the districts. This should result in more additional sesisons. Mrs. Cahal lifted up a recommendation which came out of the Regional Meeting, i. e., the Woman's Society of the conference defray the expense of district secretaries to attend at least one yearly planning meeting of the Conference Council of Children's Workers. This would provide an opportunity for clearing the calendar as well as making plans. A letter from Dr. Sloane was read, in which he commented on the need for cooperation between the conference and district workers of the Board of Education and the Woman's Society.

In connection with the report from Mrs. Wideman Watson, secretary of Literature and Publications, a letter was read from Mrs. C. C. Long, Circulation Manager and Secretary of Literature from Literature Headquarters, in which she praised the fine work of Mrs. Watson in the large sale of literature at the Conference School of Missions. Mrs. Watson reported that packets containing the Week of Prayer materials had been mailed to each local society and Guild. There has been a small increase in subscriptions to both magazines. She suggested that committee members note the article written by Mrs. Dameron which is to appear in the December issue of **The Methodist Woman**. The South Central Jurisdiction won the banner again for having the most new combination subscriptions. New Orleans District reported more new combination subscriptions in the April drive than any other district. Literature sales increase each year. This is indicative of the great desire to study and learn the work.

The benediction was given by Mrs. Reber.

Thursday Morning

The meeting opened with the singing of hymn 455, led by Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. Mrs. Dunbar gave the meditation, basing her remarks on the "Positive Marks of a Christian." These were described as: attending church regularly, personal and corporate worship, tithing, practicing daily devotions, and having Christian attiudes. She spoke on the four types of love: eros, emotional love; filia, love of friends; charios,

charity; agape, brotherly love and goodwill. She concluded the meditation with prayer.

Mrs. Laskey suggested that Mrs. Dunbar give the devotional to the local Woman's Society, in the absence of Mrs. Paxton who was scheduled to speak. Mrs. Dunbar graciously consented.

The Conference on Human Relations was reported on by Mesdames Laskey, Tatum, Dameron and Kilpatrick. The meeting was multi-racial. Two years had been spent in the planning by the Church leaders. The program was diversified, with both sides of sociad issues being given — ranging all the way from the extreme liberal point of view to the most conservative. Discussion groups were small with the same ten persons in the group each time it met. In this way, rapport was established. Each group had a cross section of the world represented in its personnel. Panel discussions were excellent. Large use was made of dramatic worship. Problems pertaining to employment, education, and housing were discussed. The conference was an exploratory one with no brainwashing and no set speeches; rather, persons shared ideas and sought to know the ultimate answers in love as expressed in Jesus Christ. As the Church faces the problem of race, it faces a problem which is moral and spiritual. No major religious denomination has not expressed itself on race relations. The Methodist Church has the largest Negro membership of any Protestant group. The Christian Church must face all social problems in the light of the teachings of Jesus. The Church is God's, not ours. The Church has had little activity; it has studied and passed resolutions. The Methodist Church is concerned with all the major topics which were discussed at the conference since the Church has educational institutions, is a land-owner, and is an employer of many persons. Facts regarding the Central Jurisdiction were explored; findings revealed it to be based not on a geographical area — for example, four Episcopal areas overlap in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The Central Jurisdiction is a sprawling Jurisdiction which is weak and difficult to administer due to many factors. What is our personal responsibility in these areas of human concern? (1) We must be honest and admit one's prejudice — not hide behind it; (2) pray for courage to stand on convictions; (3) be willing to take steps on one's own — do that which is most creative in giving the full measure of devotion. The problems are world-wide; something we have acquired. Open our own institutions, hospitals, and homes to include all races. We are a world Church. We are not a neighborhood Church. Our own churches have become ingrown; they need to broaden. Each can do this. Each can be responsible. We in America need to put over our ideals with love; not with ulterior motive. Carlos Romulo, the great Filipino who attended the conference, told the delegates to "begin where you are and take steps."

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, secretary of Supply Work, reported that askings for 1959-1960 were $6,272.44 for the Home Field and $4,700.00 for the Foreign Field. Askings for the Home Field are divided among the projects under the Woman's Division, which are located in Louisiana. The Foreign Askings, divided among five areas assigned to Louisiana Conference are: Katako Kombe in the Belgian Congo; Phillipines, undesignated; Centro MacDonell, Durango, Mexico; Ellen T. Cowen Memorial Hospital, Kolar, India; and Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan. It is important that each society be responsible for the askings assigned to it. St. Mark's Community Center Camp still needs the coupons clipped from the Red Scissor Coupon products.

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, secretary of Spiritual Life, sent in a report to the secretary, which read in part: "It was my pleasure again to attend Mt. Sequoyah where I took the study of Luke. After this training, I had the pleasure of teaching the course in three conference Schools of Missions, including my own Louisiana Conference. In addition, I have presented the course in one district and zone meeting and have held numerous conferences with local secretaries assisting them in planning

for the study. It was a joy to have four of the eight secretaries in my clinic at our School of Missions. I have contacted the other four by correspondence. Am preparing a letter now to be sent to all local secretaries with suggestions for the year and emphasizing programs and activities that will aid in keeping Christ in Christmas."

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, secretary of Status of Women, was absent.

Mrs. Dameron, secretary of Missionary Personnel, reported that since late spring 62 young people, who have expressed an interest in church-related vocations, have been contacted by letter. Twelve seemed definite in their commitment to Christian service; one was engaged to marry a ministerial student; and one is now employed as a Director of Christian Education in a local church. The names of six young people have been sent to the office of Missionary Personnel. Three of these are from Louisiana Conference. They are Miss Edith Elliott of Vivian, who is interested in work with children and music on the Home Mission Field or in the local church; Miss Ethel Tycer of Tickfaw, who is interested in becoming a medical missionary on the Foreign Field; and Miss Betty Joan Wall of Tallulah, who is interested in work on the Foreign Field in the area of medical technology. Another young person, Kathleen Gates of Pollock, is considering nursing and has been in touch with the Missionary Personnel office since her high school days. The five young girls, who attended the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah in August, have been contacted. Three of them are interested in foreign missionary service; the other two are undecided about a field of service. As yet no delegate has been selected to attend the Jurisdiction-wide Christian Vocations Weekend in Kansas City on November 13-15. Mrs. Dameron led a discussion group on "Finding Your Life's Work" during the conference MYF meeting in June. Fifteen young people attended her group. The Committee on Missionary Personnel has become active. Secretaries of Missionary Personnel, Youth and Student Work will be working to achieve the goal during the conference year of one additional person from each district, dedicated to full-time Christian service. The basic need in recruitment is a concerned local Church. This concern should manifest itself toward each youth, who at any time manifests an interest in full-time Christian service. "Wise counsel, sincere encouragement, and spiritual undergirding, during the years of indecision, will go far toward conserving the interest, joy, and enthusiasm which were experienced at the initial dedication of one's life to a Church-related vocation. This great need becomes our most challenging opportunity."

Mrs. Tatum, having attended the meeting of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation on September 23, 1959, reported on the five major projects which this organization is supporting this year. These are: (1) control, treatment, and prosecution of sex criminals; (2) strengthen laws on the distribution of obscene literature and movies; (3) statewide ban on fireworks; (4) state scholarships based on ability and need; (5) constitutional amendment to provide that the State Superintendent of Education be appointed by the State Board of Education rather than elected by popular vote. The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference is one of nineteen participating organizations in LOSL. These organizations are: Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Louisiana Association for Mental Health, Louisiana Association for Retarded Children, Louisiana Civil Service League, Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, Louisiana League of Women Voters, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, Inc., Louisiana Parent-Teacher Association, Louisiana Society American Association of University Women, Louisiana State Medical Society, Louisiana State Nurses' Association, Louisiana Women's Christian Temperance Union, National Association of Social Workers, National Council of Jewish Women, Women's

Auxiliary to Louisiana State Medical Society, Woman's Auxiliary of Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mrs. L. K. Wells concluded the session with prayer.

The Committee joined with the local Woman's Society in the Church Social Room for a coffee break.

Committee meetings were held in the various rooms of the Educational Building.

A delicious luncheon was served by the Maggie Pearson Circle. Mrs. Laskey asked the blessing. Mrs. Kilpatrick presented Mrs. Harry H. Turpin, Sr., the Circle Leader, and those members who assisted in the serving of the meal.

Thursday Afternoon

At 1:45 lovely organ music furnished by Mrs. Robert Tatum was enjoyed and the meeting opened with the singing of hymn 487.

A communication was read from Mrs. Paxton, in which she expressed deep regret in being unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Vice-President, reported. Findings from the Evaluation sheets which were filled out at the Annual Meeting were compiled by Mrs. Lambert and copies distributed to the Executive Committee and the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting. At Mt. Sequoyah, she attended the Vice-President's Clinic under Mrs. T. Otto Nall's direction and the class on United Nations with Mrs. C. A. Bender as instructor. These were stimulating, and motivated study for teaching at Louisiana Conference School of Missions and in the Texas Conference School of Missions. A letter to all local Vice-Presidents on presenting World Federation and helps in Program Planning, was sent out in September. There has been great improvement in program planning during Mrs. Pomeroy's term of office. Societies incorporate more materials and resources in their planning and presentations. The district Vice-Presidents have grown in their understanding of the work.

Miss Louise Sharp, ex-officio member of the Committee and Conference Director of Youth Work, reported that the name of Miss Marie Nelson, Conference MYF President, had been submitted to attend the White House Conference. Miss Sharp interpreted to the group some of the program at the National Convocation of Methodist Youth which met at Purdue University this summer. Youth sought to look at man's need and God's action. Bishop Raines said to the youth that people sought to maintain the status quo, which meant they wanted to retain the mess we are in. Large use was made of drama in communicating ideas and suggesting solutions to problems. Youth thought of the call of God and the rebellion of man. They were challenged not to throw away the old until they had seen whether it met man's need. Man's need is to love and be loved. As a group expects one to be himself, there comes release and creativity. As the program proceeded the young people said, "Here it is, look at it; take it if it meets your need."

Mrs. Kilpatrick, the President, reported. She stated that as each day passes she tries to test her activities by the statement, "God makes time — man makes busyness." "God who made time, I know, will make time for all HE wants me to do if I do not crowd Him out with busyness." She spoke of the excellent job which the Tour Committee did in publishing the Tour Guide. District secretaries of Promotion have sent out challenging and informative letters for their lines of work. The Guild is to be congratulated on its growth. Mrs. Kilpatrick asked that each outgoing officer prepare "A Procedural File" as described in the May, 1959 issue of **The Methodist Women** on page 47. This will be an invaluable contribution to the successors in office. She urged that officers try to incorporate two things in their report to the Annual Meeting in March, i. e., lift up important things and plans for future; work out plans for part on the program early, if guest speakers or anyone other than yourself is on your part of the program. Officers

were asked to give their support whole-heartedly and prayerfully to the work of committees. Mrs. Kilpatrick suggested that the Executive Committee work toward having a day set aside in the local church for recognition of the work of the Woman's Society, possibly near the organization date in October. This matter is being referred to the Special Committee for consideration. As the President of the Conference, Mrs. Kilpatrick has served on several committees of the Annual Conference. At the Annual Conference she was privileged to report on the work of the Conference Woman's Society and to serve as a lay delegate from her own local church. She was elected as a delegate to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference and, as that election made her an alternate delegate to the General Conference, she expects to attend that meeting in Denver. She attended the South Central Jurisdictional Convocation and the South Central Jurisdiction Annual Meeting held in connection with the Convocation. Numerous committee meetings have been attended, institutions visited, and speeches made. She led the Presidents' Clinic at the Conference School of Missions. It was her privilege to hear a report of a tour made by members of the Park Avenue Woman's Society in Shreveport. It is hoped that other societies will make such a tour of the mission projects within the conference. Mrs. Kilpatrick urged that women know to whom we pray and that we pray and work and give so the day will come when all men can say, "I know to whom I turn for guidance, for strength, and for courage."

It was suggested that in the next quadrennium that the women work for the election of the Conference President of the Woman's Society as a delegate to the 1964 General Conference.

Mrs. Pomeroy stated that criticisms and commendations from Evaluation Sheets have been considered as the 1960 Annual Meeting has been planned. The Lake Charles District is using the results from the Evaluation Sheets in formulating their Annual District Meeting. Mrs. Pomeroy and Mrs. Lambert will prepare Evaluation Sheets to be used at the 1960 Annual Meeting. Committee members were asked to send in their suggestions.

Mrs. Laskey, chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported as follows:

Article IV — **Funds**

Section 2. (Page 115) Delete the first sentence of section 2, and substitute the following: "Beginning in 1960-1961 an amount up to fifteen percent of the pledge to the Woman's Divison may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the Conference Society for cultivation in the conference." (The remainder of paragraph will be left as printed in 1958-1959 Annual Report).

Article VI — **Standing Committees**

Section 6. (Page 117) Preceding the last sentence of paragraph one, and following the words "secretary of Youth Work," add the following: "The district secretaries of Missionary Personnel," so that the sentence will then read: "There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, the secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, the district secretaries of Missionary Personnel." (Continue sentence as printed in 1958-1959 Annual Report).

Section 10. (Page 118) In sentence one before word "committee" insert the word "standing," so that the sentence will then read: "There shall be a Standing Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service," etc., to end of sentence as printed.

Section 13. (Page 118) In sentence one before word "committee" insert the word "standing" so that the sentence will then read:

"There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Program," etc., to end of sentence as printed.
Section 14. (Page 118) In sentence one, after words "three members" add the phrase "the chairman of which shall be a conference officer." Change "comma" to "period," and begin a new sentence. "These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium." The two sentences will then read: "There shall be a Standing Committee on Place of Meeting composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer. These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium." Continue remainder of paragraph as printed in 1958-1959 Annual Report.

Standing Rules of the Conference

10. (page 119) Delete the words "secretary of Promotion" and substitute the words "Chairman of Annual Meeting Program," so that the sentence will then read: "The Conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, recording secretary, treasurer, and chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting."
21. An amount not to exceed $3,000.00 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25¢ per member, to be allocated toward the salary of a youth worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

Mrs. Laskey moved that the recommended changes be accepted by the Executive Committee. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Whitaker, chairman of Committee on Mid-Year and Annual Meeting Place read a cordial invitation from Mrs. J. R. Montgomery, president of the St. Luke's Woman's Society and Mrs. W. C. Christensen, Jr., president of the Lake Vista Woman's Society of New Orleans, for the Mid-Year Eexecutive Committee Meeting to be held in their churches in October, 1960.

Mrs. Whitaker moved that the invitation be accepted. Seconded and carried. The date of October 19-20, 1960, was set.

Mrs. Whitaker, reporting for the Annual Report Committee, stated that the committee did not deem it wise to raise the price of the Report book, due to the fact that so few copies are printed in addition to those distributed free of charge. Mrs. Whitaker was asked to investigate the possibility of mailing out Reports labeled as "Educational Materials" at the U. S. postoffice.

At the Pre-Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee the district presidents will offer some definite plan for mailing out of letters from conference officers to local officers. Mrs. Patterson was asked to investigate postoffice rulings under which certain mailings from the conference come. It was suggested that a mailing regulations sheet be compiled from Mrs. Patterson's findings.

Mrs. Dameron, reporting for the Missionary Personnel Committee, announced that the committee has been activated. She has sent questionnaries to other conferences to find out what they are doing with this particular committee. There have been two meetings of the committee. The eight district secretaries of Missionary Personnel are to be included on the Standing Committee. A letter is being sent to all Louisiana delegates to the General Conference, asking the delegates to consider favorably the matter of legislation in regard to the Committee on Christian Vocations in the local church. Miss Shiela Nuttall has volunteered to send out these letters.

Mrs. Whitaker moved that such a letter be sent to the General Conference delegates. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dameron passed around a sheet asking that members sign up for taking some responsibility in speaking at Christian Career clinics, if called upon. She suggested that a packet on recruitment be

given to delegates at the Annual Meeting. A committee to channel names by some definite method is needed. The committee recommended that the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations request the district superintendents to present information regarding the work of the Christian Vocations Commission in the local church.

Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, chairman of Research, cited page 114 of the Nineteenth Annual Report in naming the officers to be elected at the 1960 Annual Meeting. The committee on Research has had three meetings. She emphasized the use of the last page in the Annual Report for sending in information about potential officers.

Mrs. Watson reported for the School of Missions Committee. There were 378 in attendance at the 1959 school. 109 churches were represented. The offering to missions was $181.94 and the literature sold was $1261.50. 44 children attended the Nursery with 30 of these being preschool children. The Committee recommended that Mrs. Watson serve as chairman of the 1960 School and Mrs. Dameron as Dean. Mrs. Tatum will be assistant Dean in charge of housing, and Mrs. J. T. Eubank will be registrar. Any suggestions for Clinic procedure, time of day, etc., are to be sent to Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Mouton gave the closing prayer.

The Committee adjourned to meet in the Social Hall, where a lovely meal was served by the Allie Brunson Circle. Mrs. Dunbar asked the blessing.

Thursday Night

When the Committee reconvened in the Sanctuary, Mrs. A. H. Harper gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Patterson reported for the Special Committee. She reviewed the plans for using the "Guide for the Study of the Annual Report," as follows: (1) Several churches meet together for study with program planning done ahead to give each church a particular part of the "Guide" to present to the meeting; (2) emphasize use of Methodist Discipline and the 19th Annual Report of the Woman's Division with Louisiana Conference Annual Report; (3) encourage district officers to familiarize themselves with both Conference Annual Report and the "Guide for the Study of the Annual Report" and to be available to aid in presentation of the study in local societies; (4) emphasize use of sheet in back of the Report to send names to Research Committee.

Mrs. Patterson moved that the ByLaws as stated in Article V, page 115, Section 1 have the words "and program for same" inserted in third sentence, to make Section 1 read as follows: "The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee." Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved that the secretary of Promotion present a plan for training the district officers, to be held at a camp site in the period of time between the Annual District Meetings and June 1. Motion seconded and carried.

The following goals were recommended by Mrs. Patterson: (1) that a goal of 10% increase in membership of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service be set for 1960-61 and that special recognition be given to the districts achieving this goal by the time of the Annual Meeting in 1961; (2) that an annual goal of one new accepted worker per district be set. (By accepted is meant (a) a young person accepted by the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions; (b) a young man or woman who begins advanced study in preparation for a church-related vocation.) Mrs. Patterson moved the adoption of the goals. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. McCammon, reporting as chairman of Committee on Cooperative Lines of Youth Work, stated that the study program for January for youth would be presented at the Sub-district programs in November and December, with guidance being given through the Sub-district

counselor. The conference-wide District Staff Meeting at Camp Brewer on October 19-20, to which all secretaries of Youth Work have been invited, will be the first attempt at cooperative endeavor and it offers wide opportunities for guidance to both district and local situations. The committee recommends that a training program for adult workers with youth be set up at that meeting. Emphasis on Christian Outreach will be continued in the Youth Assemblies and Workshops with outstanding programs being planned to give emphasis. District presidents and secretaries of Promotion are asked to give serious consideration to the presentation of the Youth Studies at the fall district seminar. Concerted efforts will be continued to find potential leaders of youth, through the assistance of Sub-district counselors and secretaries of Youth Work.

Mrs. L. K. Wells was asked to report for the Ruston Rural Advisory Committee. The committee has met and discussed areas of need in that district. Miss Shiela Nuttall has been contacted to make the necessary survey in the district.

Mrs. Dameron, reporting for the Committee on Tours, stated that one hundred copies of the Tour Guide had been printed. The supply has been exhausted. Re-editing of the book will be necessary before it is reprinted. The Finance Committee will present a recommendation which will take care of reprinting the booklet. Mrs. Dameron indicated that plans for tours to mission projects out of the state will be explored.

Mrs. J. T. Eubank gave the report of the Finance Committee as follows:

1. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1960-1961 be $109,075.00.

2. That the districts' pledge to conference be:

Alexandria	$10,440.00
Baton Rouge	17,670.00
Lafayette	9,200.00
Lake Charles	13,100.00
Monroe	15,600.00
New Orleans	14,490.00
Ruston	14,000.00
Shreveport	25,500.00
	$120,000.00

3. That the budget for 1960-1961 be as follows:

Officers' Expense	$1,000.00
Annual Meeting	1,400.00
Annual Report	1,350.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Missions	900.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	450.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Conference Workshops	200.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	500.00
Student Regional Conference	200.00
Louisiana Rural Advisory Committee	100.00
Missionary Minute	60.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00
Division Cultivation	70.00
Miscellaneous	395.00
Guild	1,500.00
	$10,925.00

4. That in the event of the death of the Treasurer of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society, or the disability of such Treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the President of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society be authorized and empowered to draw and sign checks on behalf of said Society.

5. That $100.00 be taken from the item of miscellaneous in the budget and added to the $100.00 in the budget for the item of Student Regional Conference, making a total of $200.00 for the use of delegates expense to the Student Conference in Athens, Ohio in December ,1959.

6. That the amount of $50.00 be allowed the Tour Committee to publish additional tour booklets.

7. That a supplementary gift of $1,200.00 be given the Business Girls' Inn for necessary improvements.

8. That a supplementary gift up to $1,000.00 be given to MacDonell Methodist Center if and when the actual need be ascertained.

9. That $75.00 be given toward the expense of a Methodist youth delegate to the White House Conference, March 27 to April 2, 1960.

Mrs. McSween moved the adoption of the Finance Committee Report. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Giessen moved that in the event that the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement needs only $150.00 of the $200.00 set aside for travel expenses for students who will be attending the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference, the remaining $50.00 be used in the publication of additional copies of the Tour booklet. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Watson reported for the committee on New Work. She stated that the request has already gone to the Woman's Division for a worker for Ruston District. The committee is exploring the possibility of a Business Girls' Inn for New Orleans, as there is a definite need. Services to the aging are a concern. The possibility of a home for the aging needs to be explored.

Mrs. Patterson reviewed the progress of the Pilot Study being carried on in the conference. She stated the purposes as follows: (1) Sample data will be gathered across the nation regarding women and family; (2) it will serve as an evaluation of the work of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild; (3) it will indicate changing employment patterns of women; (4) it will help determine plans to meet the changing needs. The churches selected are: the urban church, First Church, New Orleans; the suburban church, Summer Grove in Shreveport; industrial church, Istrouma Church in Baton Rouge; small town church, Rayne, Bunkie, and DeRidder (the latter has not accepted); rural, Farmerville in the Ruston District, and Oak Grove in Monroe District. The study is to be made and reported by November 20. The Executive Committee will receive a composite report when completed.

Mrs. Tatum gave a full report regarding the Trade School for Indians in Houma. She first wrote the Reverend Harry Ezell, head resident of MacDonell Methodist Center, for background material. He informed her that the Trade School was under the State Board of Education, instead of the Terrebonne Parish School Board. Communications were sent to Dr. Thomas E. Hampton, 376 Nel[illegible] Drive, Baton Rouge, who is the head of Trade Schools. A reply was [illegible]ceived that the U. S. Government made provisions for facilities for Indians. Efforts will be continued to secure a trade school for Indian people in Houma area.

Mrs. R. O. Coorpender moved that the conference publish a news sheet on a trial basis for one year, four issues a year, beginning with the fiscal year 1960-1961. Motion seconded and carried. The commit-

tee appointed to edit such a news sheet are: Mrs. Watson, chairman, Mrs. P. D. Lambert and Mrs. McSween.

Mrs. Laskey stated that there are three directors of Wesley Foundation in the conference, whose salary, or most of it, is paid by the Woman's Division. It is the feeling that all directors should be supported by the Board of Education. There are ten Wesley Foundations within the state, seven of which are accredited. At the present time it is too difficult for salaries to be absorbed by the Board of Education. When the one dollar per member plan goes into effect the work can be fully supported by the Board of Education. The Woman's Division has requested that the Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference make a statement to the effect that the sum needed for support of Wesley Foundation work can be reduced for the new quadrennium. This can be done in the light of the anticipated income of the one dollar per member plan for higher education. Mrs. Laskey was asked to assist the secretary in formulating a letter to be sent to the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Dunbar told of the needs for added facilities at Dulac Indian Center. The Center had another successful Work Camp the past summer.

Miss Rosie Ann Cobb of Sager-Brown Home has asked to be relieved of her position in September, 1960, because of ill health.

There were no reports from St. Mark's and MacDonell Methodist Center. Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that she had visited People's Community Center where she learned from the superintendent that the kindergarten worker was doing an excellent job.

The report from Louisiana Tech showed 800 Methodist students. 350 had attended the party at the opening of the fall semester and the retreat at Caney Lake had been a success. Eleven deputation teams are lined up for the fall with a schedule. Married students are having Sunday luncheons together.

Mrs. Wells read the Resolutions as follows:

"We the members of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee desire to express our deep appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us as we have met together to further the great work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"To the First Methodist Church of Natchitoches, to Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, and to the hostess society which has cared for our every need, we give our sincere thanks.

"The lovely organ music contributed by Mrs. Robert Tatum and the inspirational words of the Reverend Robert Tatum set the spirit of the meeting. To the Boy Scouts who capably directed us to our homes, to our hostesses — those who have entertained us in their homes, and those who have provided delicious meals and coffee times — we are grateful.

"Thanks also go to the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern College for their gracious hospitality.

"The careful planning and capable execution of the meeting have made it a memorable experience, and for all these blessings, and the feeling of the presence of God, we are humbly grateful."

Mrs. Wells moved the adoption of the Resolutions. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dunbar stated that the Journal Committee would review the minutes before they were mimeographed and circulated.

Mrs. Dethloff gave the closing prayer. The committee adjourned.

Approved:

Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Mrs. R. R. Cahal

Mrs. James C. Whitaker, Rec. Secty.
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President

PRE-ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 15, 16, 1960

Members of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service were beautifully entertained with a luncheon given by Mrs. E. A. Sartor and Mrs. O. D. Harrison at the Shreveporter at 1:00 p.m. on March 15, 1960.

Following the luncheon the Committee went to Noel Memorial Methodist Church for its business session. Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President, introduced Mrs. W. W. Paxton who led the devotional on "Stewardship." Mrs. Paxton emphasized that Christians are called to give of material gifts, and talents of love and time. She closed the meditation with prayer.

Dr. B. C. Taylor, the host pastor of the Annual Meeting, gave a warm welcome to the Committee. Mrs. Kilpatrick announced that Mrs. L. C. Poindexter, the President of the local society, had undergone an operation. It was decided that the Committee would send Mrs. Poindexter a gift.

The recording secretary moved that the minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting be accepted as circulated, with certain minor corrections being made. Motion carried.

Mesdames P. D. Lambert, Wideman Watson, Lee Tidwell, C. C. Dethloff, R. O. Coorpender, and George Grafton were absent for the roll call. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey moved that appropriate messages be sent to these. Motion carried. Mrs. W. D. Snelling was asked to assist the secretary with the messages.

Communications were read by the recording secretary.

Committees for the Annual Meeting were announced by the President. (See Journal, page 56).

Mrs. Kilpatrick welcomed Mrs. Eloi Girard, new President of the Lafayette District.

Mrs. J. S. Goff was announced as the Parliamentarian of the Annual Meeting.

The Research Chairman, Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader, stated that only one name for each office or line of work was being presented on the ballot. Election for delegates to the South Central Jurisdiction Society will be held as provided in the Constitution.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon was asked by the President to be the Timekeeper for the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron will handle the courtesies at each session of the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Program Chairman for Annual Meeting, explained certain features of the Meeting. She stressed that Committee members study delegates' packets and that members fill out the Evaluation Sheet.

Mrs. Laskey, chairman of Constitution and By-Laws Committee, reported as follows:

Article IV—Funds

Section 6. To bring in line with Woman's Division ByLaws—20th Annual Report—Article V, Section 17—Delete one-fourth of one cent—Add one-half of one cent. The Section will then be numbered 6 and will read, "One-half of one cent per adult member of a conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Division for the Division Cultivation Fund."

Article V—Districts

Section 1 (Page 115) Insert in fourth sentence "and program for same," so that the sentence will then read, "The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by District Executive Committee."

Mrs. Laskey moved that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Further, Mrs. Laskey moved that the Chairman of Constitution and ByLaws Committee be authorized to bring the ByLaws in line with the Woman's Division changes as given in the March **Methodist Woman**, by the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting date. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kilpatrick gave the closing prayer.

Tuesday Evening

The Committee convened for a lovely dinner in the Fellowship Room of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, as a courtesy of the Executive Committee of the Shreveport District. Dr. James T. Harris, the pastor of the church, asked the blessing. Mrs. John Adams, local president, was presented with her committee.

Following the dinner the Committee met in the parlor of the church.

Mrs. Elisa Ocera from the Philippines and Miss Joan Newby of Methodist Information were welcomed as visitors.

Miss Newby explained that Methodist Information is separate from the **Louisiana Methodist** publication. She asked that news be channeled to both. News items must be in her hands two weeks in advance in order to appear in daily and weekly papers of the area. Pictures in connection with publicity should be sent, instead of mats. The address of Methodist Information is 1723 Broadway, Methodist Headquarters Building, Public Relations and Methodist Information, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Kilpatrick welcomed Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, President of the Alexandria District, who was present for one session only.

Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Sr., secretary of Supply Work of the South Central Jurisdiction, reported that Mrs. Laskey had been nominated at the Jurisdiction meeting for membership on the Board of Missions. She stated that Louisiana Conference was doing fine in giving to Supply Work, but the total giving over the Jurisdiction was $15,000 less than last year. $52,000 more is being asked by the Division for 1960-1961, which will be allocated to the conferences of the Jurisdiction.

The recording secretary brought greetings from Mrs. C. F. Goldthwait, former member of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Vice President, reported that there is a new World Federation prayer card which may be purchased for three cents each. The new program flier, "The Word in Our Midst," was lifted up. Mrs. Pomeroy urged that societies evaluate the circle programs of the past year and send the evaluation to her. She, in turn, will compile them to send to Mrs. Otto Nall, Vice President of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Laskey stated that in the new quadrennium the program for the society will be under the Section on Education and Cultivation in the Woman's Division; also, the Vice President in the local society will not have the specific task of promotion of World Federation, but other officers and secretaries of lines of work will share in promoting the work of the Federation.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Treasurer, pointed up that giving for the three quarters of the present year is short of what it was for the same period last year. The goal of the Jurisdiction is two million dollars for 1961-1962, an increase of four percent over 1958-1959. The Foreign De-

partment of the Woman's Division is asking that the conference raise the salary of each missionary which it supports to $3,000, plus maintenance; the conference now raises $2,100 and the Woman's Division makes up the difference.

Mrs. Robley Davis, secretary of Missionary Service, spoke of the contact with workers which makes the giving come alive. In order for local societies to keep in touch with workers in mission projects, Mrs. Davis moved that names of workers be divided, those serving within Louisiana Conference and those who have gone out from the conference, according to a plan worked out by the secretary of Missionary Service and the district secretaries of Missionary Education; and the plan be submitted at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kilpatrick brought a message to the committee in which she expressed appreciation for the kindnesses shown to her and various members of the Committee, as changes have occurred in families. She thanked the district officers for their fine work. She spoke of attending the Workshop on World Trade in New Orleans in November and of her visit to the Woman's Division. Due to a conflict in schedule, she was unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division at Buck Hill Falls in January. At the meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction, Dr. Lewis B. Carpenter, President of National College, asked that each conference send three students to National College each year. She urged that this request be granted by our conference. Dr. D. D. Holt spoke of the work of Scarritt College. He stated that Scarritt is the only college chartered by the state, and belonging to the General Conference. Mrs. Kilpatrick announced that the 1961 meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society would be in Little Rock at the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, secretary of Promotion, stated that the Pilot Study showed that 43 percent of the Methodist Church membership in Louisiana are women, but only 30 percent belong to the Woman's Society. The range in membership in the Woman's Society was eighty percent in the smallest church to nineteen percent in the largest church. The study revealed that the young mothers and the aged get the least out of the programs. The results of the Pilot Studies will be compiled in the Division office and programs will be affected. Mrs. Patterson stated that large use of the "Guide to the Study of the Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society" had been made. She suggested that the new Guide be correlated with the Woman's Division Twentieth Annual Report.

Mrs. Patterson moved that a new Guide be written based on the Division and Conference Annual Reports and be mailed out with the Report of the Conference in August. Motion carried. She asked that district secretaries of Promotion alert women in regard to the new Guide. Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Patterson, and Mrs. James C. Whitaker were named as a committee to prepare the Guide.

Miss Letah Doyle will speak at the District Annual Meetings, April 19-29, 1960. Reporting from the local societies will be done twice a year, with new report books mailed out in June. These reports are due November 15 and May 15 from local officers; November 25 and May 25 from District officers; November 30 and May 30 from conference officers. The dates for the Treasurers' reports are the same as in the past. The secretary of Promotion will be a member of the local program committee in the new quadrennium. The goals of the quadrennium will be published in April **Methodist Woman.** Mrs. Patterson reported on her investigation of postage rates for conference mailings. Mrs. Patterson was asked to bring a recommendation to the Post Executive Committee Meeting regarding training of District officers. There will be a Visual Aid Training Program of the Woman's Division at Mt. Sequoyah, July 18-29. The person who attends from the conference will serve as a resource person at the School of Missions. Mrs.

McGowan, Mrs. Pomeroy and Mrs. Patterson were asked to name a person to attend. Mrs. Patterson announced that blanks for Jurisdiction Recognition study classes will be found in the back of the Report Book for the local society.

Miss Sue Batton, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, stated that the Guild was cut $1,300 in Supply Askings. The Guild will raise their pledge $1,000. Eight new Guilds have been organized this year. Membership is nearing 2,200. ByLaws and Standing Rules are being brought in line with those of the Woman's Division. She emphasized the importance of good working relations between the local society and the Guild unit. The president and treasurer of the Guild are members of the local Woman's Society Executive Committee. The Guild president may report to the Official Board along with the president of the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Dameron gave the closing prayer.

Wednesday, March 16

At 10:00 a.m. the Executive Committee met at Noel Memorial Church. The President lifted up the names of workers appearing on the Prayer Calendar for the day and Mrs. Dunbar led in prayer.

Mrs. Davis gave the report which Mrs. Lambert had sent to her, which pertained to directives for delegates to the South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah. Ten conference officers, eight district officers, three Guild chairmen—all within the pattern of attendance for the year,—plus one teacher and one missionary, may attend the School. If a conference officer in the pattern cannot attend, nor a district officer as her substitute, the president may choose another within the pattern, without subsidy.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, secretary of Christian Social Relations, stressed that education, citizenship, and family life are the three emphases for the new year.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon stated that her reports showed improvement for the last period. There has been a small increase in the number of Committees on Christian Vocations in the local church. The need for training adult leadership and for doing cooperative youth work remains. In January, 1961, there will be a Seminar for Adult Workers with Youth which will be of great importance to youth workers.

Mrs. R. R. Cahal, secretary of Children's Work, reported that a district Seminar had been held in every district. She stated that she had attended the cooperative meeting which Miss Shiela Nuttall, Conference Director of Children's Work, held in October. District secretaries and district directors are working more cooperatively.

Mrs. Cahal moved that the expenses of the district secretaries of Children's Work be paid to attend a cooperative meeting once a year; that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Motion carried. During the interim period, the district secretaries may ask the district to defray expenses to the meeting, if possible.

Mrs. McCammon announced that she would attend a meeting with Conference Directors of Youth Work in Nashville, Tennessee, October 31-November 4, 1960.

Mrs. Charles Giessen, secretary of Student Work, spoke of the cooperation given her in student work. She emphasized giving to the Student Loan Fund on Student Day in June.

Mrs. McGowan, secretary of Supply Work, stated that askings are being met and there would be an increase in the new year.

Mrs. Paxton, secretary of Spiritual Life, emphasized the importance of the Prayer Vigil being held over the conference during the entire Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Dameron brought in a recommendation to the Committee as follows: "That in each year when there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to $300, the exact amount to be determined by the Finance Committee, be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for Recruitment. The limit to this fund shall be decided by the Conference Executive Committee." Mrs. Dameron moved its adoption. Motion carried. Mrs. Laskey will report this as Standing Rule 22 of the conference society in her recommendations to the Annual Meeting. Mrs. McSween moved that the Finance Committee approve Standing Rule 22. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron read portions of a letter from Miss Ethel Tycer, who expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending a vocations meeting in Kansas City in November.

It was stated that the Missionary Personnel Secretary of each district should know about the amount of money budgeted for Christian Vocation Clinic in her district. The district superintendent selects the youth representative to the Jurisdictional Missionary Conference and Board of Missions, under the directive sent out by the conference President of the Woman's Society. One hundred dollars is prorated to each district for delegates by the conference Board of Missions. The name of the youth delegate should be sent to the Reverend Douglas McGuire, the conference Missionary Secretary.

Mrs. Dameron read the recommendations from the Tour Committee as follows: (See Recommendations—in Journal, Page 54.) She moved the adoption. Motion carried.

Further, Mrs. Dameron lifted up the second edition of the Tour Booklet which includes information about the retired ministers' homes in the state, while the section on Rural Work has been deleted.

Mrs. Kilpatrick announced that the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting would be in New Orleans on Oct. 19-20, 1960.

Mrs. Tatum announced a Regional Briefing Conference for August 1-4 at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Davis will give a directive regarding gifts of money to workers in "Missionary Minute" in the near future.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at the home of Mrs. B. C. Taylor. This lovely occasion was a courtesy of the Noel Memorial Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Program

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Shreveport, Louisiana

March 15-18, 1960

Tuesday, March 15

10:00-12:00 Registration of Executive Committee, Noel Memorial Church

1:00 Executive Committee Luncheon, The Shreveporter
Courtesy, Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Mrs. O. D. Harrison

6:30 Executive Committee Dinner, Broadmoor Methodist Church
Courtesy, Shreveport District

"CHRIST'S CHANGELESS PURPOSE FOR A CHANGING WORLD"

Wednesday, March 16

10:00- 1:45 Registration for Delegates, Noel Memorial Church
Coffee Corner, Courtesy Woman's Society, Caddo Heights Methodist Church
Conference Committee Meetings

12:00 Executive Committee Luncheon, Home of Mrs. B. C. Taylor, 3522 Madison Park
Courtesy, Noel Memorial Woman's Society of Christian Service

AFTERNOON SESSION

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

1:45 Organ Prelude: "Priere".....Boellman
R . N. Hallquist
Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past".....No.533
Convening the Twentieth
Annual Meeting.....Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President
Scripture and Prayer.....Mrs. J. L. Saxon
"To Love, To Lift, To Light".....Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Welcome.....Mrs. L. C. Poindexter, President, Woman's Society, Noel Memorial Church
Order of Business
Presentation of Program.....Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Chairman
Report of Recording Secretary....Mrs. James C. Whitaker
Recommendations from Executive Committee
Committee Appointments
Report of Research Committee.....
Mrs. Charles Cadwallader
Ballot

3:00 Conference Officers' Reports and Recommendations
"WHAT'S MY LINE"
Vice-President.....Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy
Missionary Education.....Mrs. P. D. Lambert
Children's Work.....Mrs. R. R. Cahal
Youth Work.....Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Literature and Publications.....Mrs. Wideman Watson

Introduction of Mrs. Elisa Ocera.....Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Report of Ballot
Announcements

4:00 Benediction.....Dr. B. C. Taylor
Visit Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton Street
Dinner at Place of Your Choice

EVENING SESSION

"—ye shall be witnesses unto me—unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8

7:15 Organ Prelude: "Prelude and Fugue in E. Minor".....
J. S. Bach
R. N. Hallquist
CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR,
Dr. A. C. Voran, Director
Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation".....No. 381
Scripture and Prayer:
Mrs. Hugh Hoff, President of Woman's Home Missionary Society of Southern Conference Methodist Episcopal Church at time of Unification.
Offertory: "O Lord God".....Sweelinck
"—Methodists Are One People"

8:05 Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr. Presiding
President of Woman's Missionary Society of Louisiana Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South at time of Unification

Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., President, Woman's Society, 1940-1941

Mrs. John B. Pollard, President, Woman's Society, 1941-1946

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President, Woman's Society, 1946-1954

Mrs. Charles N. Cadwallader, President, Woman's Society, 1954-1958

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President, Woman's Society, 1958-

Hymn: "I Am Thine O Lord".....No. 252
Benediction.....Mrs. J. J. McKeithen, member of Methodist Protestant Missionary Society at time of Unification.

9:00 Reception honoring Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and Past Presidents, Parlor, Courtesy, Woman's Society, Noel Memorial Church

Thursday, March 17

MORNING SESSION

"God is working for the sovereign purpose of making men whole." Dr. Tracy Jones

8:30 Organ Prelude: "Holsworthy Church Bells".....S. S. Wesley
Mrs. J. A. Trickett
Scripture and Prayer.....Mrs. W. W. Paxton

8:50-10:15 Getting to Know Our Workers and Their Work

10:25 Hymn: "This is My Father's World".....No. 72
Ballot continued
Courtesies.....Mrs. G. W. Dameron

"Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal"

10:40 Conference Officers' Reports and Recommendations
Wesleyan Service Guild.....Miss Sue Batton
Treasurer.....Mrs. J. H. McSween
Missionary Service.....Mrs. Robley Davis
Supply Work.....Mrs. Charles B. McGowan
Status of Women.....Mrs. F. E. Kennon
Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign".....No. 479
Missionary Personnel.....Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Panel: "Recruitment"
Moderator: Reverend Allen O. Jernigan
Panelists: Mrs. James T. Harris, Mrs. Carl Brunson, Reverend Don Guynes, Mr. Larry Faulk

12:00 Noon-Day Worship
Solo: "Arise, O Lord".....Hoffmeister
Mrs. Fred Shirley, Soprano
"In His Service".....Reverend Allen O. Jernigan
Benediction.....Reverend Allen O. Jernigan

12:30 Luncheon.....Highland Baptist Church
Invocation.....Dr. James T. Harris, Pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church
"Style Show," District Presidents and Secretaries of Promotion, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Presiding

BROWSING TIME IN THE LITERATURE ROOM

AFTERNOON SESSION

"One Lord Over All—Let Us Proclaim Him." Dr. James K. Mathews

2:00 Organ Prelude: "Cantabile".....Cesar Frank
Mrs. J. A. Trickett
Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers".....No. 256
Address: "Missions Today".....Dr. James K. Mathews
Hymn: "In Christ There is No East or West".....No. 507
Benediction.....Reverend Fred Shirley

3:00- 4:30 Clinics Conducted by Conference Officers, Noel Memorial Church

6:00 Fellowship Dinner.....Highland Baptist Church

EVENING SESSION

"—As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21

7:40 Organ Prelude: "Aria".....Peeters
R. N. Hallquist
Hymn: "We've A Story To Tell".....No. 501

Scripture and Prayer.....Dr. Jolly B. Harper,
District Superintendent, Shreveport District
Offertory: "O Lord God".....Baker
Chancel Choir: Dr. A. C. Voran ,conductor
Address: "Missions Today".....Dr. James K. Mathews
Pledge Service.....Mrs. J. H. McSween
Benediction.....Reverend Jack Midyett, Pastor
First Methodist Church, Bossier City

Friday, March 18

MORNING SESSION

"And we know that all things work together for good for them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

8:00- 3:30 Holy Communion in Addie Noel Lane Memorial Chapel

8:30 Organ Prelude: "Meditation".....Alphonse Mailly
Mrs. J. A. Trickett
Hymn: "When Morning Gilds the Skies".....No. 31
Scripture and Prayer.....Miss Wilma Snare, Deaconess,
St. Mark's Community Center

"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Conference Officers' Reports and Recommendations
Christian Social Relations.....Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Promotion.....Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Student Work.....Mrs. Charles Giessen
Spiritual Life.....Mrs. W. W. Paxton
Report of Jurisdiction Meeting.....Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Hymn: "The Voice of God Is Calling".....No. 454

9:40 Address: "Is It Coincidental?".....Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr.
Courtesies
Order of Business
Report of Committees
Adoption of Recommendations
Recognition of Retiring Officers
Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.
Evaluation of Meeting
Place of Meeting, 1961
Resolutions
Report on Human Relations Conference
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Hymn: "Lord Speak to Me".....No. 460

11:15 Installation of Officers.....Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr.

11:30 Noon-Day Worship
Solo: "Be Still, and Know That I am God".....Dungan
Mrs. Fred Shirley, Soprano
"My Cup Runneth Over".....Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland
Benediction.....Rev. George W. Ross, Pastor
Caddo Heights Church
Buffet Luncheon, Courtesy, Woman's Society, First Methodist Church

Program

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Shreveport, Louisiana

March 19-20, 1960

"CHRIST'S CHANGELESS PURPOSE FOR A CHANGING WORLD"
"The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 11-15

Saturday, March 19

10:00 Registration.....Mezzanine, Washington Youree Hotel
10:30 Conference Executive Committee Meeting
Room 1, Washington Youree Hotel
12:00 Conference Executive Committee Luncheon
Room 2, Washington Youree Hotel
1:00 Registration.....Foyer of Noel Memorial Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 Organ Prelude: "Alleluiah".....Titcomb
R. N. Haliquist, Organist
Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past".....No. 533
Convening of NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
Miss Sue Batton, Presiding
Opening Worship.....Mrs. Rachel Rogers
Welcome.....Miss Hazel Cooper
Order of Business:
Presentation of Program.....Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman
Report of Recording Secretary.....Miss Marilynn Carter
Committee Appointments
Election
Introductions
Announcements
Solo: "Beatitudes".....Malotte
Miss Beverly Van Sandt
Conference Secretary's Report.....Miss Sue Batton
Reports of Conference Chairmen:
Christian Social Relations.....Mrs. E. T. Cowell
Missionary Education and Service.....Mrs. F. G. Phillips
Spiritual Life.....Miss Arline Tyler
Supply Work.....Miss Margaret McGowan
Guild Hymn.....*"Finlandia"*
Pledge Service.....Mrs. J. H. McSween
Closing Prayer
4:15 Fellowship Tea.....Fellowship Hall, Noel Memorial Church
Mangum Unit I and Alma Levins Unit
"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." Matthew 6:10
6:00 Fellowship Dinner.....Crystal Ballroom, Washington Youree Hotel,
Mrs. F. G. Phillips, presiding

Invocation.....Dr. Jolly B. Harper,
District Superintendent, Shreveport District
Introductions
Fellowship Singing, Dr. A. C. Voran, Director
Closing Prayer.....Miss Sarah Wadsworth

EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, Noel Memorial Church
Miss Sue Batton, Presiding

"It is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and Him only will you serve." Luke 4:8

7:30 Organ Prelude: "Exaltation".....Dickinson
Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation".....No. 381
Prayer.....Rev. Fred Shirley
Anthem: "Hallelujah".....Beethoven
Noel Choir
Address: "Christ's Changeless Purpose Working Through Business Women Today".....Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr.
Communion Service and Dedication of Gifts
Dr. B. C. Taylor and guest ministers officiating
Benediction.....Dr. B. C. Taylor

Sunday, March 20

Crystal Ballroom
Washington Youree Hotel

"Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever ." Hebrew 13:8 (RSV)

7:00 Quiet Breakfast.....Miss Arline Tyler
Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, Presiding
Invocation.....Mrs. Ray Cooley
Solo.....Mrs. Fred Shirley
Meditation: "A Commitment to the Changeless Christ"
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Closing Prayer.....Miss Marianna Johnson

8:30 Order of Business.....Miss Sue Batton
Conference Secretary, Presiding
Guild Times—Reporting.....Miss Elizabeth Langford
Editor
Election of Delegates
Report of Committees
"For I am the Lord, I change Not." Malachi 4:6a
Miss Margaret McGowan
Conference Supply Work Chairman, Presiding

9:00 Hymn: "Lord Speak to Me".....No. 460
Address: "A Christian's Challenge for a Changing World"
Mrs. Sam Dunbar
Prayer.....Mrs. E. T. Cowell
Adjournment by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Shreveport, Louisiana

March 16-18, 1960

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, March 16, 1960, with the President, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, presiding. Following the organ prelude, the opening hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" was sung.

Mrs. J. L. Saxon, President of the Shreveport District Woman's Society, read the scripture from the Gospel according to John, Chapters 12: 32-36; 15: 1-17, and led in prayer.

A service, "To Love to Lift, to Light," with the lighting of the Missionary Candle to burn for one hundred minutes, signifying gifts of money to missions, was very impressive. Mrs. Sam Dunbar spoke of love which lifts and changes. St. Paul admonished us with the words, "ought to love,"—meaning, we owe it. Light is powerful and dispels darkness. Are we ones who glitter or do we glow? To glow means to shine from within and is expressive of the love of God. Mrs. Dunbar closed her devotional with the World Federation Prayer.

Mrs. Kilpatrick spoke of Mrs. L. C. Poindexter's illness and presented Mrs. Stuart DeLee, Vice-President of the local society and Registration Chairman for the Annual Meeting. Mrs. DeLee welcomed the conference. Dr. B. C. Taylor, host pastor, brought greetings from the local church. When he had finished, Mrs. Kilpatrick presented him with a "corsage for missions," signifying a gift to missions in his honor.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan, program chairman, presented the program highlights and urged delegates to study materials in their packets.

The recording secretary, Mrs. James C. Whitaker, read recommendations from the Executive Committee as follows:

(1) That a memorial be sent to the General Conference requesting a fifth Commission, namely, a Commission on Christian Social Relations in the local church.

(2) That a letter be sent to all General Conference delegates from Louisiana Conference, asking them to consider favorably the matter of legislation in regard to the Committee on Christian Vocations in the local church.

(3) Finance Committee Report (see Mid-Year minutes, page 40).

(4) That in the event that the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement needs only $150.00 of the $200.00 set aside for travel expenses for students who will be attending the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference, the remaining $50.00 be used in the publication of additional copies of the Tour Booklet.

(5) That the conference publish a news sheet on a trial basis for one year, beginning with the fiscal year, 1960-1961.

(6) That a study Guide for the Twentieth Annual Report be written and mailed out with the 1959-1960 Annual Report.

(7) That the Conference Society sponsor a Mission Tour in the summer of 1961, for Louisiana youth; that the tour be co-educational; that Mrs. C. R. McCammon be asked to serve as Tour Director, and that a couple be secured to serve as co-directors; that the Conference Society provide financial assistance for the Tour; and that the Annual Conference Board of Missions and the Commission on Christian Vocations

be asked to support this project through promotion and financial aid.

Mrs. Whitaker moved the adoption of the recommendations. Motion carried.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitution and ByLaws, reported as follows:

Article IV—Funds

Section 2. (Page 115) Delete the first sentence of section 2, and substitute the following: "Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent of the pledge to the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the Conference Society for cultivation in the conference." The remainder of paragraph will be left as printed in 1958-1959 Annual Report.

Section 6. To bring in line with Woman's Division By-Laws—20th Annual Report—Article V, Section 17—Delete one-fourth of one cent—add one-half of one cent. The Section will then be number 7 and will read, "One-half of one cent per adult member of a conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Division for the Division Cultivation Fund."

Article V—Districts

Section 1. (Page 115) Insert in fourth sentence "and program for same," so that the sentence will then read, "The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and programs for same shall be determined by District Executive Committee."

Article VI—Standing Committees

Section 6. (Page 117) Preceding the last sentence of paragraph one, and following the words "secretary of Youth Work," add the following: "the district secretaries of Missionary Personnel," so that the sentence will then read, "There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, the secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, the district secretaries of Missionary Personnel." (Continue sentence as printed in 1958-1959 Annual Report).

Section 10. (Page 118) In sentence one before word "Committee" insert the word "standing," so that the sentence will then read: "There shall be a Standing Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service," etc., to end of sentence as printed.

Section 13. (Page 118) In sentence one before word "committee" insert the word "standing" so that the sentence will then read: "There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Program," etc., to end of sentence as printed.

Section 14. (Page 118) In sentence one, after words "three members" add the phrase "the chairman of which shall be a conference officer." Change "comma" to "period," and begin a new sentence. "These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium." The two sentences will then read: "There shall be a Standing Committee on Place of Meeting composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer. These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium." Continue remainder of paragraph as printed in 1958-1959 Annual Report.

Standing Rules of the Conference

10. (Page 118) Delete the words "secretary of Promotion" and substitute the words "Chairman of Annual Meeting Program," so

that the sentence will then read: "The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, recording secretary, treasurer and chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting."

21. An amount not to exceed $3,000 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member, to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

22. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to $300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Finance Committee shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to this fund shall be decided by the executive committee.

Mrs. Laskey moved their adoption. Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey further moved that the Chairman of Constitution and ByLaws Committee be granted permissive legislation to harmonize the constitution and bylaws of the conference, according to bylaw changes published in the March issue of **Methodist Woman.** Motion carried.

The secretary read the committee appointments as follows:

Journal: Mesdames C. R. McCammon and R. S. Wade.
Resolutions: Mesdames A. C. Cook, E. S. Koschel, and J. H. Johnson.

Distributing Tellers: Mesdames Wayne Givens, Rhoy Davis, Cecil Reid, and R. J. Samuels.

Counting Tellers: Mesdames T. F. Wilbanks, L. L. Wagner, Gilbert Bandell, C. O. Blandin, and James Spencer, Advisor.

The secretary read the ruling pertaining to the election of officers, following which Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader, chairman of the Research Committee, read the report of her committee. Mrs. Laskey moved that the report be accepted and that the list of names be the nominating ballot. Motion carried.

The bar was established with 165 voting delegates. The President called for nominations from the floor for each office and secretary of line of work. There being none, the President declared the nominations closed. The distributing tellers spread the mimeographed ballots on which were the names of nominees. The ballots were collected. The counting tellers retired to count the vote.

Mrs. Kilpatrick presented Mrs. G. W. Dameron, chiarman of Courtesies for the Annual Meeting. She introduced former conference officers who were present.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Vice-President, lifted up the Evaluation Sheet from the packet and stressed that it be carefully filled out and turned in on Friday morning. If any delegate should have to leave the meeting early, the sheet should be given to the secretary.

Mrs. Pomeroy presented the skit, "What's My Line," from Station WSCS, Shreveport. Those appearing on the panel to ask the questions were Mesdames W. W. Paxton, Glenn Laskey, Sam Dunbar, Virgil Morris, with Mrs. Pomeroy as the moderator. The first contestant was Mrs. R. R. Cahal, secretary of Children's Work, who after her identity was revealed, answered questions and told of plans in her area of work. Mrs. C. R. McCammon appeared as the second contestant, who stressed missionary studies for youth, the necessity of youth work being done cooperatively in the local church, increase in giving to MYFund in 1960-1961, and the contact of local youth secretary with the district secretary of Missionary Personnel for the channeling of names of youth interested in full-time Christian service. Mrs. Robley Davis substituted for Mrs. P. D. Lambert as the third contestant in the skit. She emphasized the School of Missions, August 15-19; the district Seminars; an

increase of five per cent in studies presented for Jurisdiction Recognition; the need for more Reading Circles; and the use of "Missionary Minute" at general and circle meetings. Mrs. Warren Orr, substituting for Mrs. Wideman Watson who was absent because of illness, lifted up the importance of the Officers' Letter File which will appear in the June **Methodist Woman** and told of the 50th anniversary of the **World Outlook**. Then Mrs. Pomeroy explained the work of the Vice-President, who is concerned with all programs of the society. "The Word in Our Midst" is the program theme for 1960-1961. Prayer cards of the World Federation of Methodist Women should be made available for all members.

Mrs. T. F. Wilbanks, chairman of the counting tellers, reported there were 163 votes cast with one write-in name for the office of recording secretary. Mrs. Kilpatrick announced the election as follows:

Vice-President, Mrs. M. R. Tatum; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. O. Coorpender; Secretaries: Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Warren Orr; Missionary Education, Mrs. Wideman Watson; Promotion, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.; Supply Work, Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry; Spiritual Life Cultivation, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson.

The President urged everyone to attend the Open House at Business Girls' Inn.

Dr. B. C. Taylor closed the session with prayer.

Wednesday Evening

On Wednesday evening, March 16, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary. Preceding the observance, the Centenary Choir under the direction of Mr. A. C. Voran, sang several very beautiful and inspiring selections. The congregation joined in singing "The Church's One Foundation." Mrs. Hugh Hoff, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Southern Conference Methodist Church at the time of Unification, read scripture selections on unity from Paul's writings and the Gospel according to John, and led the evening prayer.

Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr., presiding, "turned back the calendar" to 1939-1940 and gave glimpses of progress. The Charter Meeting was held in First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, in 1940. Former presidents, Mrs. E. R. Haug of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Hugh Hoff of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. A. Wells of the Methodist Protestant Church, and Mrs. Sexton of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, clasped hands, while the congregation sang "Bless Be the Tie That Binds."

The first officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Louisiana Conference were introduced by Mrs. Sexton.

At the First Annual Meeting in the spring of 1941 at Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Mrs. J. B. Pollard was elected President. Mrs. Pollard gave her message which she termed "Old Timers' Night." She recalled that World War II caused a decrease in the activities of the organization. All appropriations had to be cut by the Woman's Division. In spite of all setbacks, the women grew spiritually. Mrs. Pollard gave as her parting gift the words from the Old Testament, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning."

Mrs. Laskey told of her term of office, beginning with the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge in 1946 and culminating in 1954 at Rayne Memorial Methodist Church in New Orleans, with the observance of the

75th Anniversary of women's missionary work. Remarkable growth in membership and the pledge to missions characterized her years as President. Growth in the study program of the societies and the School of Missions, after the School was set apart from Pastors' School, was noted. Seminars in each district took the place of an itinerating team. The shortage of workers for the home and foreign field was acute. As gains were made, the goals moved on beyond.

Mrs. Cadwallader recalled her years as President. As the missionary enterprise was the supreme task, the women were challenged to their tasks by the various speakers at the Annual Meetings. In June, 1954, the Lafayette District was organized. The office of Missionary Service was created. She told of visiting more than one hundred foreign mission projects during the years she was President. Three girls, who went to the foreign mission field as short term workers, returned to the United States for further training and had gone out as full time missionaries. They were Miss Anna Givens, Miss Margaret Wade Campbell and Miss Gretchen Elston.

Mrs. Kilpatrick gave her message. See Page 69.

The congregation joined in the singing of the hymn, "I Am Thine O Lord," Mrs. J. J. McKeithen, member of the Methodist Protestant Missionary Society at time of Unification, gave the benediction.

A reception, honoring Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick and the Past Presidents, was held in the parlor of the church as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

Thursday Morning

At the conclusion of the organ prelude, the President introduced Mrs. W. W. Paxton, who read the twelfth chapter of Romans from Dr. J. B. Phillips' translation of the New Testament and led in prayer.

Mrs. McGowan explained the arrangements for group meetings with the workers from mission projects in Louisiana. The delegates and visitors were dismissed to attend group meetings in the Educational Building.

At 10:25 the meeting reconvened in the Sanctuary with the singing of the hymn, "This Is My Father's World."

Mrs. Ralph Henderson and Miss Joan Newby were presented as being responsible for the newspaper publicity during the Annual Meeting.

The President read a message of greeting from Miss Tennie V. Severtson who is on the staff at First Methodist Church, Monroe. The conference was reminded of the Prayer Vigil being held over the state during the meeting of the Conference Society and the Guild Meeting. A report from Mrs. Joe Bond on "Corsages for Missions" was given. Mrs. Bond stated that the women of the Mangum Memorial Society had made the corsages. The amount from the sale was $240.00, all of which would be sent to missions.

Mrs. Tatum presented Mrs. Elisa Ocera from the Philippines, who is a special guest of the Department of Foreign Work of the Woman's Division. She is one of ten who have come to the United States to attend the meeting of the Women's Division, the United Nations Seminar, the General Conference meeting in Denver, and other important meetings over the Church. Mrs. Ocera is the first Executive Director of the Board of Missions in the Philippines. She brought greetings to the women from the Church of her country. She spoke feelingly of the way she had been inspired by the work of the Church in this country and expressed appreciation for the opportunity of visiting here. She stated that she wanted to gather "germs of inspiration" as heads, hearts, and hands witness for Christ, whenever and wherever possible.

The secretary read the rules governing the election of delegates

and reserve delegates to the Jurisdiction Woman's Society. 172 was established as the voting strength. Nominated were: Miss Sue Batton, Mesdames M. R. Tatum, Wideman Watson, J. B. Mouton, Sr., T. Haller Jackson, C. J. Tackaberry, and C. R. McCammon. Mrs. E. E. Stewart moved that nominations cease. After the balloting, the counting tellers retired to count.

Miss Batton, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, reviewed the growth of the Guild. She lifted up the recommendation that employed women who have been members of the Woman's Society be reached for the Guild; that, when units grow to a membership of fifty, a new unit be formed; that units make more use of the Prayer Calendar.

Mrs. McSween, Treasurer, told of the consistent growth in financial giving across the twenty years. She stressed the recommendation that a four per cent increase over giving in 1958-1959 will be needed for 1961-1962. She announced that Louisiana Conference Woman's Society led the South Central Jurisdiction in per capita giving.

Mrs. Robley Davis, secretary of Missionary Service, stated that we had grown from giving to special projects to total giving, with the Woman's Division administering our gifts to missions. She stressed the need for a closeness with the missionary, deaconess, and contract worker in such a way as to give the individual society a personal interest in each worker. A "tonic" for missionary interest would be a tour of mission stations, close contact with missionaries through regular correspondence—with no thought of a reply, use of "Missionary Minute" at the General and Circle meeting, and daily use of the Prayer Calendar.

Mrs. McGowan, secretary of Supply Work, wore an attractive apron, depicting coupons which St. Mark's Community Center needs for their camping project. She stressed giving to supply work because the pledge to missions is not enough. Louisiana Conference is meeting the Supply Askings; however, some societies are not meeting the askings. To meet our askings is the most important recommendation.

Secretary of Status of Women, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, read a letter from Mrs. J. Fount Tillman of the Division and Mrs. J. Russell Henderson, about the discontinuance of the office of Status of Women. The work of this office is being delegated to other officers or secretaries of lines of work.

The hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign" was sung, after which Mrs. Dameron presented former conference officers.

The work of Missionary Personnel was presented by a panel on the topic of "Recruitment." Mrs. Dameron asked the Pages to distribute a packet on recruitment and Christian Vocations to each delegate. She urged delegates to pass on the recommendations of the secretary of Missionary Personnel to the secretary of Youth Work or to the president, if the society had no youth secretary. Panelists were introduced by Mrs. Dameron.

The Reverend Allen O. Jernigan served as Moderator with panelists Mrs. James T. Harris, Mrs. Carl Brunson, the Reverend Don Guynes, and Mr. Larry Faulk. Panelist Larry Faulk said that youth wonder if they have really been called. Financial reasons often enter into their decisions about full-time Christian service. Students want freedom of thought and expression. Often they are not allowed these without great cost to themselves. He challenged the women to help alleviate some of the crises in which youth find themselves today. Mrs. Brunson spoke of human needs not being met because of lack of personnel. "Missions is people." The future of the world depends on Christians in this generation. Christianity is on trial today. People are seeking a true revelation. People see only the veneer of Western culture. The church holds the answer. People often don't go to church for the answer, but the church must go to them. She spoke of specific personnel needs at Dulac Community Center. The Reverend Don Guynes

said that we need to respond to the call of God in our midst. It is not enough to meet needs. We must rediscover the basic Protestant belief, "the priesthood of all believers,"—that a person called to be a Christian is always called to be a priest and a minister. There are seventy-five Methodist youth at Centenary College who have indicated the desire to enter a church-related vocation. The whole college generation are seeking something to commit their lives to. Trained young adults in the community are another potential to help meet personnel needs. Often there is a lack of understanding which exists between the educationally trained person and the people of the local church. What does this say to our local church about recruitment? Mrs. Harris spoke of the organizational set up for recruitment, but it all comes down to the individual, you. We need to give young people an atmosphere wherein they might feel called to serve and help them develop a Christian philosophy of life. The Committee on Christian Vocations should be organized in every local church. She said, "You are the local church. It must be you."

The Reverend Jernigan summarized the comments of the panelists when he stressed the use of the booklet on Christian Vocations. Talents must meet needs. God calls and persons respond. He emphasized short term service projects as being valuable in getting interest started.

Mrs. Fred Shirley sang very beautifully the solo, "My Heart Ever Faithful," by Bach.

The Reverend Jernigan brought the noon-time worship. He read the Great Commission of Jesus—that we go and make disciples of all nations. He stated that it expressed the theme of the morning session. The church to be The Church must have an outreach. As a pastor in the Wesley Methodist Church in Malaya he told of a Communion Service held with a dying friend. There were present a pastor from America, a Chinese, and a Malayan,—all together, partaking of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was a demonstration of the Lordship of Christ. Seeds of the Kingdom have been planted in all the world and in all cultures. "Lord, use us in thy service," is our response.

The session was concluded with prayer by the Reverend Jernigan.

Thursday Noon

The noon luncheon was held at the Highland Baptist Church in the Social Hall. Dr. James T. Harris gave the Invocation.

During the meal a very interesting "Style Show" was presented under the direction of Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., secretary of Promotion. She also served as the narrator. Instead of the latest creations in the fashion world, the work of the conference on the district level was presented, in eyecatching creations, which were suggestive of the work done. Culminating the show was the entry of Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, wearing a shiny halo to show one hundred percent reporting by all districts. She wore a smile worth $107,000, the amount pledged by the conference for missions.

Mrs. Jim Guy Gibson of the Noel Memorial Church was in charge of the luncheon arrangements. The tables were decorated in a mission theme by the women of the Highland Baptist Church.
At the conclusion of the "Style Show," Mrs. McSween called to the platform Mrs. C. W. Tebow and presented her with an Honorary Life Membership pin for her service to the conference as secretary of Promotion.

Thursday Afternoon

After the organ prelude, the session opened with the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Clinic sessions were announced by Mrs. McGowan.

There was a report on the balloting for delegates to the Jurisdiction Society. 172 votes had been cast; three illegal votes; 85 necessary to elect. Mrs. Kilpatrick announced that Mrs. M. R. Tatum was elected.

The bar was established for another ballot. The voting strength was 147. Ballots were spread, collected, and counting tellers retired.

Mrs. Kilpatrick introduced the speaker, Dr. James K. Mathews. He opened his message with prayer and brought this greeting in the words of the Apostle Paul, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Grace is yours, he stated. We should have deep gratitude for **who we are**—the largest woman's organization—with great responsibility. We hear the word of God from the book of Philemon, "I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ." The missionary task is simply sharing faith and all that it brings in its train. The world goes on while we are trying to revamp the program. Today there are 4,000 Methodists with two pastors in southern Yugoslavia. There is abysmal human need in Hong Kong. Where is there hope? We hear the answer, "I am a refugee; I have no hope." All of these conditions call for new understanding. All but five countries have the Christian Gospel. The holy catholic church is a great fact and a great faith. We are discovering who we are. "As the Father has sent me, even so I have sent you." Not only believing in the mission of the church, but being involved in the mission of the church is the call of our day. We go with thanksgiving, we go with penitence, and we go with the idea that the task is a life and death matter. Dr. Mathews had these suggestions to make regarding our mission today: (1) trust in Jesus Christ; (2) need of ability to hear—a two way conversation, listening and hearing; (3) obedience—this enters the fabric of our daily life; (4) humility—Jesus said, "Follow—walk as I walk;" (5) love—"perfect love casts out fear"—love is strong and stern at times. God made his love evident to us through Jesus. All of these call for a new commitment. If we are to be involved in the mission of the church, we must give all.

The hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West," was sung, after which the Reverend Fred Shirley gave the benediction.

Officers conducted Clinics in the Educational Building for the remainder of the afternoon.

Thursday Dinner

The Fellowship Dinner was held at the Social Hall of Highland Baptist Church. Dr. B. C. Taylor gave the Invocation. Mr. R. N. Hallquist, organist of Noel Church, entertained the group with humorous stories and played several musical selections.

Thursday Evening

Following the organ prelude, the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell" was sung. Dr. Jolly B. Harper, district superintendent of the Shreveport District, read the scripture from Acts 1 and led in prayer.

The Chancel Choir under the leadership of Dr. A. C. Voran sang "O Lord God" by Baker, as the offertory.

The President presented Dr. Mathews for his second address on "Missions Today." The sixth happiness belongs to people who have discovered **who they are**, he stated. Every Christian has a mission. We are all involved in the mission of the church in the world. We are involved in mission in our own land. (1) There is the task of faith —a response to what God has done in the world. Faith directs its path to the past. We see the meaning of the Cross. God forgives and life

has meaning. The Church is a community of memory. Then we go forward in power, in simplest trust, in confidence, as God's children. Faith is as a blind man seeing. It calls for an act of the whole being—"except we become as little children, we cannot see the Kingdom." The child looks forward. The child has perfect poise in receiving a gift. We receive a gift and act to share the gift. This makes us a missionary. We only go out in faith like Abraham. It is a glorious task. (2) The task is one of hope—the future. Anticipation on the part of a child is great. We have misused hope. Christian hope is hope in God, given in Jesus, raised from the dead. This hope equips us for the task in the world. Jesus said, "Cheer up. Your sins are forgiven; your faith makes you well; I have overcome the world." These words give us hope. (3) The mission of love directs itself to the task of the present. Love means so many things—not simply friendship—love without qualification, which is outgoing, self-giving, in the face of Christ. The love of God is directed toward us. In Luke, chapter 15, we have the lost and found chapter—all lost and all found. In the introduction to this chapter, we find Jesus was eating with sinners. He accepts sinners. God loves you; God accepts you is our message, rather than, are you saved? God loves us, which makes Good News so incredibly new. He loves us as we are. We repent because He loves and accepts us. He expects us, the church, to accept and receive people as they are. We must admit that we are what we are, and that God accepts us. In Luke 10, we read the story of the Good Samaritan. Who is my neighbor? We are neighbor first—the one in need. If we are neighbors, we are neighbors to every man. If we know ourselves as neighbors and express love, then Jesus identifies himself with that person and others will be neighbors to us. We will be on the receiving end—receiving the deed of love. These are some of the dimensions of the Christian Gospel. The task here, where we are—is the task of faith, hope, and love. Jesus then becomes real—Christ in all, above all, the hope of the world. When we are called of God, loved of God, called to share, then we have arrived at the "inn of the sixth happiness."

The very beautiful and impressive Pledge Service was led by Mrs. J. H. McSween. The service was written by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy. Mrs. McSween was assisted by Miss Ruth Alexander and a choral group from Centenary College in a service entitled "Candlelighters for God," which developed the idea of void and darkness to light in the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world. The President of the conference came forward and lighted the large candle in the Chancel. The choral reading proceeded to give the benefits brought to the world by the Light of Christ and the birth of the early Christian Church, as persons went forth in His Name. In the line of succession, twenty-one names of those who had gone out from Louisiana in answer to the call were read and a candle lighted for each of them. The Treasurer lifted up the needs on the mission field today. To meet these needs, the district treasurers came forward, one by one, to make the pledge of their districts. Each lighted her candle and women from her district lighted theirs in turn. When the eight districts had announced their pledges, the church was aglow with candle light. Mrs. McSween stated that $120,000 had been pledged to help shed the light of the love of God in this dark world. Mrs. Kilpatrick concluded with prayer. Mrs. Fred Shirley sang the hymn, "Light of the World, We Hail Thee."

The Reverend Jolly B. Harper gave the benediction.

Friday Morning

From 8:00 to 8:30 a. m. Holy Communion was administered in the very lovely Addie Noel Lane Memorial Chapel of the church.

With the organ prelude and the singing of the hymn, "When Morning Gilds the Skies," the session opened in the Sanctuary. Miss Wilma Snare, the deaconess at St. Mark's Community Center, read the scripture and offered the prayer.

A report of the balloting was given. 147 was the voting strength—three ballots spoiled, three not voting, 71 to elect. Mrs. Wideman Watson was elected as the second delegate to the Jurisdiction.

Another ballot was taken with 124 as the voting strength. Tellers retired to count.

Telegrams were read from Bishop and Mrs. Paul E. Martin, the Texas Conference Woman's Society now in session, and from Dr. Vela Cleveland.

The report of registration for the Annual Meeting showed twelve workers from mission projects within the conference, two Jurisdiction officers, one member of the Woman's Division, 215 registered delegates, 195 visitors, seventeen conference officers, one ex-officio member of the conference, and one conference Director of Children's Work.

Conference Officers' reports and recommendations were resumed with Mrs. M. R. Tatum, secretary of Christian Social Relations, reporting. She emphasized especially that each local society have a seminar on "The Family—in a World of Rapid Social Change;" that every society cooperate with the Commission on Missions in planning a church-wide study on **Alcohol**; and that societies continue support of UNICEF and give special attention to world refugee problems by seeking a revision of the McCarran-Walter Act.

Mrs. Patterson, secretary of Promotion, stressed that emphasis be made in securing and keeping members in the local society and that all women of the church be actively cultivated for membership in the society or Guild. She asked that the Twentieth Anniversary of the organization be observed in every church with a "China Tea" given on the order of a silver tea. Officer training at all levels is needed, and 100 per cent reporting is the goal in every conference. Every society should seek the dedication of "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life" as we undertake to fulfill "Our Mission Today."

Mrs. Charles Giessen, secretary of Student Work, stated that each local society should keep in touch with all college students, graduate students, married students, service personnel and college age young people who have left their home community for employment. She urged that student secretaries cooperate with the Commission on Missions, encouraging families with college age youth to include in their summer vacation plans a visit to some institution and project of the Methodist Church wherever their vacation leads them in America.

Mrs. Giessen presented Miss Marie Nelson of Centenary College who addressed the meeting on the Eighteenth Ecumenical Student Conference at Athens, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays. Miss Nelson said that she came away from the meeting with three convictions, namely: (1) the Christian faith is a reality, apart from which there is no meaning to life; (2) we must take seriously the forces molding and shaping the world and we must listen to those whose perspective may not be that of the Christian faith, for God also speaks and acts outside the Church. Having this realistic understanding of our world, we can see more clearly the significance and relevance of what God has done in Christ. (3) Faith in Jesus Christ means participation in his ministry of reconciliation; obedience to Him in a life of witness. "We waited for the Lord and behold He was there, calling us into every frontier on which He already was, creating the frontier, and waging the battle."

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, emphasized the importance of Prayer Groups in every society and the use of the Prayer Calendar with a map so that we may be more aware of "where we prayed today." She stated that Bible studies should be real studies, causing members to become eager to pursue the reading and study of the Bible. Assistance to the Research Committee should be given through praying for the selection and election of the officers who serve the society and Guild.

The chairman of counting tellers brought forward a report, showing 123 ballots cast, 62 to elect. No election. It was decided to take the names of the two highest for the next ballot. The voting strength was determined at 131 with the vote being taken for Mrs. T. Haller Jackson and Miss Sue Batton. The tellers retired to count.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, secretary of Promotion for the South Central Jurisdiction, gave a report on the Annual Meeting of the Jurisdiction Society in San Antonio. The theme, "The Word in Our Midst" was used. The Jurisdiction President's report showed progress over a sixteen year period. There had been an increase in membership in this, the last year of the quadrennium. Mrs. Porter Brown, Executive Secretary and acting Treasurer of the Woman's Division, spoke of the need for workers and increased salaries for workers, and challenged everyone to move forward in dedication to reach more members. Dr. Kenneth Copeland, pastor host, gave great inspirational messages at the meeting.

Report of the balloting showed 129 votes cast, 65 needed for election. Mrs. Jackson was elected as the third delegate by name.

Nominations were made from the floor for the alternate delegates for the Jurisdiction. Those named were Miss Sue Batton, Mesdames Warren Orr, C. J. Tackaberry, C. R. McCammon, and G. W. Dameron. The voting strength was 133. Ballots were cast and tellers retired to count.

The hymn, "The Voice of God Is Calling," was sung.

Mrs. Kilpatrick presented Dr. Joe Mickle, president of Centenary College, who spoke of the various student centers erected by church groups to serve the students at Centenary. The new Religious Activities Building, which has been proposed and endorsed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, is to be named for Dean R. E. Smith and will cost $200,000. The goal of $100,000 has been set for May 1st. Churches in Louisiana will be called on to give, and he urged the women to use their influence in the campaign for funds.

Mrs. Tidwell introduced Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society. She stated that Louisiana Conference Woman's Society had challenged the other conferences with their per capita giving, which record Louisiana women have held for some years. "Keep on!" she said. As we join hands for the future, we shall lift high the work of the living Lord. It is an important fact of responsibility in a changing world that people know of the changeless purpose of our Lord. Women in the local church are having a bearing on this theme. We are not doing right by the Woman's Society and Guild through our lives, she stated. If we were, we would be reaching more women. We need to glamourize the program; but we can do more through our lives. The recommendations of the Christian Social Relations Department of the Woman's Division are major concerns. They are: (1) understanding every area; (2) discovering and conserving basic values of family life with real intent and purpose; (3) practicing Christian principles of responsible citizenship; (4) sharing our common responsibility of freedom and dignity; (5) interpreting the Christian concepts of freedom in local and worldwide community; (6) strengthening the United Nations and other agencies and organizations for peace. The Woman's Division lifts up three areas: Membership, Recruitment, and Finance. Never discard a name on your rolls; make the person a prospect. The inactive one needs you most. Increase in financial giving each year is not enough. Ten years ago the Division came to be a millionaire; yet we meet about one half of the needs presented to the Woman's Division. "I have not heard of anyone hurt by what they give. A pinch is a release!" said Mrs. Horton. Make sacrificial gifts to meet the needs, she urged. On recruitment she asked, "Have you challenged one this year to full-time service? Who am I failing by my indifference?" The needs grow each day. Ninety-three persons were commissioned at the meeting at Buck Hill Falls this Janu-

ary. This was the largest group ever. There are still societies which do not have a committee on Spiritual Life. Prayer is so important in recruitment. A glorious experience of service is offered in the Woman's Society; one does not have to be an officer. Plans are underway in the Woman's Division to study the philosophy of membership and program, as well as plans for district officer training. The district member is a missionary in her church and where five women in a church are committed, an organization should be formed. "Our Mission Today" is the theme of the new quadrennium. The four Lands of Decision are: China in Dispersion (23 million persons), Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia and Argentina. New nations are looking to America to guide people in the way of truth, love and light. Two million Methodist women of the Woman's Society have great power. We must sacrifice and have faith in God, in ourselves, in our church, in each other and our country,—if the Light of the Living Lord is to be known around the world.

The tellers reported on the balloting—131 votes cast, 66 necessary to elect. Elected were Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. McCammon, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Tackaberry.

Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Mrs. Clarence Schaeffer, and Mrs. D. B. Boddie.

The revised Tour Booklet was lifted up by the chairman of the Tour Committee, Mrs. Dameron. As dean of the 1960 School of Missions, Mrs. Dameron spoke of the highlights of the School and announced that Dr. James Chubb would conduct the Bible Hour.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, reporting for the Journal Committee, announced that the minutes of the Annual Meeting were in order.

The recording secretary moved the adoption of the Recommendations as contained in the delegates' packets. Motion carried.

Mrs. A. C. Cook read the Resolution as follows:

"We the delegates and members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Twentieth Session in Shreveport, Louisiana, March 16-18, 1960, wish to express our gratitude for the inspiration, enlightment and information given each of us concerning

'Christ's Changeless Purpose for a Changing World'

"Particularly do we thank our gracious hostess society, Noel Memorial Church, together with the entire Shreveport District whose efforts include the untiring services and contributions of the Clergy, the various societies, and the workers for the success of this Annual Meeting.

"We appreciate the courtesies extended to the Executive Committee whose meeting immediately preceded the Annual Meeting. Especially, do we thank Mesdames E. A. Sartor, O. D. Harrison, and B. C. Taylor for their hospitality in making the luncheons so lovely; and also the Shreveport District Executive Committee and the ladies of the Broadmoor Society for the delightful dinner.

"To Mrs. A. R. Gammill, General Chairman, and all her co-workers who labored so diligently to anticipate each need and provide every comfort, we give our heartfelt thanks.

"The services of the Pages and Ushers, the Committees on transportation, information, lost and found, reservations and registrations, and food were indispensable to our personal welfare; and we do thank them one and all.

"We should also like to thank the ladies of the Highland Baptist Church and those of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church of Shreveport for serving our fine meals.

"To the Committee on Program we express our deep appreciation for the Christian inspiration we all received from our speakers,

our Filipino visitor, Mrs. Elisa Ocera; the music and flowers, each of which contributed in its own way to the enrichment of our Conference.

"And our deepest, most humble thanks we give unceasingly and everlastingly to our Christ in whom there is no East or West, no North or South, yet who does remain unchanged in our ever-changing Universe."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. C. Cook
Mrs. E. S. Koschel

The Resolutions were adopted by a standing vote of appreciation.

Mrs. Rhoy Davis of First Methodist Church of Lake Charles paid a beautiful tribute to Mrs. W. W. Paxton and presented her with a Patron Life Membership, as an expression of the love and esteem with which Mrs. Paxton is held by the society of First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. The delegates and visitors stood in honor of Mrs. Paxton.

Mrs. Sexton read the names of the retiring officers, as they came to the chancel for the recognition of their years of service. Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Mrs. George Thomas were presented with Honorary Life Membership pins. For Mesdames Pomeroy, Paxton, Kennon, Lambert, and Whitaker who already had received Honorary Life Memberships, the Missionary Candle burned twenty-five minutes,—each five minute period representing a $96.00 gift to missions, which is the amount needed to support the work of the Woman's Division around the world for five minutes. In addition, the candle burned extra time to represent gifts totaling $1,916.05.

The Evaluation Sheets were collected by the Pages.

Mrs. A. R. Gamilll, General Chairman, was presented, and the audience stood honoring her and expressing appreciation.

Mrs. Dameron reported on the Conference on Human Relations held at Southern Methodist University in September, 1959. (See report given at Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Page 34.)

In answer to the President's request for an invitation for the 1961 Annual Meeting, Mrs. Rhoy Davis issued an invitation from First Methodist Church, Lake Charles. This was followed by a cordial invitation from the Reverend Sam Nader, the district superintendent of the Lake Charles District.

The singing of "Lord Speak to Me" preceded the installation of officers by Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr. Standing with the newly-elected officers at the altar was Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick. Mrs. Horton issued the charge to the officers and also the delegates and members assembled. She concluded with Colossians 3:23, "Whatsoever I have to do, I will do heartily and as unto the Lord," and a prayer of dedication.

As heads were bowed Mrs. Shirley sang "Be Still, and Know That I Am God" by Dungan. Mrs. Ewing Wayland led the noon-day worship on the topic "My Cup Runneth Over." She spoke of the purpose of the Woman's Society and expressed thanks for Christ and the opportunity to serve. We need to lose ourselves in creative action which brings the abundant life,—"to **live** all our lives." As we realize that the Lord is our life and salvation, our cup runneth over. Everyone needs a course for his life, a purpose. The purpose of the Woman's Society needs to be lifted up more often, she stated. Christianity is a serial story. Methodism is a part of the story,—a story about God. God has come in Jesus; this is our story. And the story we see is that of transformed lives. Wesley feared that Methodism would have the form, but without power,—the church of the free and easy, but not the church of Christ. Mrs. Wayland closed her message with Colossians 2:1-6.

The Reverend George W. Ross, pastor of Caddo Heights Church, pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Kilpatrick declared the Twentieth Annual Meeting adjourned.

A buffet luncheon, courtesy of the Woman's Society of First Methodist Church, was enjoyed in the church Social Hall.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy led in prayer.

Mrs. Kilpatrick welcomed the newly-elected officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work.

Miss Louise Sharp reported on youth work in the conference. She spoke of the cooperation between district secretaries of Youth Work and district Directors of Youth. The Woman's Society knows the need for workers; they need to acquaint youth in the local church with those needs. She announced the School of Alcohol Studies for Youth for April 29-May 1 at Camp Brewer. Youth Assembly was announced for June 6-10 at Centenary College. Adult workers are needed at the Assembly. Missionary education, youth responsibility to the family, and responsibility for statesmanship will be a part of Youth Assmbly program.

Mrs. Watson presented plans for publishing the conference news sheet. Mrs. P. D. Lambert will serve as editor. Mrs. Watson moved that action taken to publish four issues a year be rescinded, and that three issues of the conference news sheet be published this year. Motion carried. The recommendations regarding the news sheet were read by Mrs. Watson, as follows:

1. We recommend the Louisiana Conference send the first issue to every local Officer, District Officer, Guild President (local). One to each Institution in Louisiana supported by the Woman's Division.
   One to each Conference Officer, One to Division Memeber and Jurisdiction Officers residing in the Louisiana Conference.
2. We recommend that each Conference Officer write an article promoting her work.
3. We recommend that the President and Promotion Secretary of each District write a combined article about the work of their District.
4. We recommend that each Institution supported by Woman's Division in the Louisiana Conference write human interest stories for each issue.
5. We recommend that the Conference Guild Secretary write an article about Guild Work in the Conference.
6. We recommend that the "Missionary Minute" be included in the paper so each local officer will have the opportunity to read these wonderful letters from our missionaries from Louisiana. Missionaries could write human interest stories for each issue which would be informative for the local officers.
7. We recommend we send or mail each issue to the Missionaries from Louisiana on the foreign field.
8. We recommend that each officer and missionary or worker responsible for these articles or information for the paper mail them to Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Route 2, Box 257-A, Crowley, Louisiana before or by May 15th, 1960.

Mrs. Watson moved the adoption of the Recommendations which will

hold for the publishing of the first issue of the news sheet. Motion carried. A report for the paper on a permanent basis will be given at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting. The members of the Executive Committee were asked to evaluate the first issue of the news sheet to the committee publishing it, before the Mid-Year meeting. The local societies will be asked for an opinion concerning the value and use of the sheet. The outgoing and newly-elected officers will write articles for the first issue on a cooperative basis. The name and address of the officer will be published along with the article.

Mrs. Patterson presented plans for training district officers, as follows:

> "It is recommended that the training of district officers be held in conjunction with the School of Missions, provided it meets approval of finance committee, to begin at noon Tuesday, August 16 with the Conference paying subsidies according to Standing Rules 19 and 20 and paying all expenses of those officers coming only for the period of training, with the districts paying subsidies to those officers not in the pattern who meet the requirements for a subsidy."

Motion carried.

The Committee will continue its effort to secure someone to attend the Visual Aids Seminar at Mt. Sequoyah this summer.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. was named as the representative from the conference to attend the meeting of United Church Women on March 24-25 in Lake Charles. She will present briefly the work of the conference to that body.

Mrs. Charles Giessen was selected to be the representative at the Leadership Training Institute at Texas College, Tyler, Texas, June 7-10. Mrs. George Thomas and Mrs. R. O. Coorpender were named as alternates.

Mrs. Davis, reporting for the School of Missions Committee, announced that the Committee had elected Mrs. James C. Whitaker as Dean of the School for 1961, with Mrs. M. R. Tatum as assistant Dean; Mrs. Watson, Chairman; Mrs. J. T. Eubank, Registrar; and Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Secretary.

The recording secretary read the committee appointments as they will appear on pages 9-11 of the Twentieth Annual Report. Mrs. T. Haller Jackson was named as the seventh person to serve on the Administrative Committee.

District Treasurers were requested to have their books audited at the end of May, 1960.

A telegram was read from Mrs. C. W. Tebow, expressing appreciation for the Honorary Life Membership which had been presented to her at the Luncheon on Thursday.

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson led in a dismissal prayer.

Approved: Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Mrs. R. S. Wade

Mrs. James C. Whitaker
Recording Secretary

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"THE UNFINISHED TASK"

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

You have heard from these presidents the record of some of the work of the Woman's Society in the past 20 years. As Edmond Burk said, "Society is a compact between the living, the dead and the great unborn." Our responsibility today — mine and yours — is to keep faith, a compact both with those who have gone before and those who are to come after.

A man in New York City hopped in a taxi and shouted to the taxi driver, "Step on it." Ten minutes later, the man asked, "Are we there?" to which the taxi driver replied, "I don't know, Sir, you didn't say where we are going." Let us take a look at where we are and where we are going.

First, let's consider membership. There were 10,701 members reported in the first regular meeting of the Woman's Society. Last year we had 13,964 members — a gain in 20 years of 3,263, or 30 percent, but a loss over the past several years. I know you are concerned over this loss in membership. Do you know Louisiana Methodism is composed of about 43 percent women, but according to the Pilot Studies you made last fall in eight churches, only 28 percent of the Methodist women belong to the Woman's Society or the Guild? Now, looking to 1980 — 20 years hence — can we set as a goal, every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society or Guild? We could reach that goal and should there be no increase over 1959 in the membership of the Methodist Church, the president in 1980 could report, "We have over 50,000 members of the Woman's Society and Guild — an increase of 160 percent over 1960," rather than the 30 percent of the past 20 years. We cannot take a great leap into the future such as that, but we can take one step in that direction, so we are taking that step by asking each district to increase its membership by at least 10 percent in 1960-61. Will you go home and take that one step in the direction of increased membership for your district?

Let us look at our funds. The Woman's Division has appropriated over two hundred million dollars to missions during the past 20 years. In Louisiana, we have increased our pledge from $30,000 in 1940 to $106,975 for this year. This is a record for which each of you is partly responsible, for it is your pledge through the past 20 years that has helped to make over two hundred million dollars appropriated possible. Looking to the future, with the increased needs and inflation, we are unable now to meet the needs in the mission field where work is already established and find it almost impossible to open up new work.

In the 20th Annual Report of the Woman's Division, there is an account of a society composed of eight rural women who pledged enough in its first year of organization to support the active work of the Woman's Division for five and one-half minutes and increased its pledge for the coming year by 20 percent. When we go back to our local societies, can we do as well as these eight women — pledge enough to support the work of the Woman's Division for five and one-half minutes or more? Let us pledge to provide funds to carry on the purpose of the Woman's Society, which is — to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world — and it is not just to pledge so many dollars, but that we may not fail our opportunities — opportunities for service. May we do a job commensurate with our opportunities. This is a big business we are financing — this is the Kingdom's Business.

One of the great needs of the Church today is dedicated workers in all areas of service. We need to enlist more of our fine young men and women. We hope to set as a goal for the coming year — at least one accepted new worker from each district. If we can reach that goal by 1965 — the next quadrennium — 20 workers will be added from Louisiana. How do we meet that? One step at a time, one accepted worker from each district each year.

For the past two years, we have had outstanding Schools of Missions at Centenary College. Each year the interest and attendance have grown, but we must continue to study, to be better informed, to grow spiritually. Change will be the major characteristic of our Society for the next decade — for many decades. Within a lifetime, many of us here today have exchanged wash-boards for automatic washers, kerosene lamps for electric lighting, horse-drawn carriages for automobiles. Planes have broken the sound barrier; the atom has been split. One's voice is carried to the world in a fraction of a second. In the face of tensions and changing times in which we live we must realize our mission. A horse and buggy organization is not adequate for the Woman's Society. We are no longer a Ladies' Air or Missionary Society; we are a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

I recall a cartoon entitled "Seventeen." In the picture, the father is saying to the mother and to the seventeen year old son, who is shown playing the trombone, "I have lived through two wars, deflation, inflation, and rock and roll music. What are the normal times I keep hearing about?" There is no going back to so-called normal times or days. "This is the day the Lord hath made," and we will rejoice and work and serve and give and enlist in this day.

Recently, I was in New York City at Idlewild International Airport and visited the beautifully appointed office of Royal Dutch Airlines. There is a striking sculpture, some 15 feet in height — a sculpture of the world, showing the rising sun at the top, the animals and plant life which are in the areas that the Dutch Airlines serve, and air routes throughout the world. Underneath the sculpture these words are carved, "The Air Ocean Unites All People." As I stood there looking at this beautiful sculpture and the significant words, "The Air Ocean United All People," I could not help but think that though we are united physically, we are still far from being united in understanding or in tolerance for the differences of our ways of life. There, I knew that the only uniting force in the world for all people, for all areas of life is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If the peoples of the world are to be really united, living in peace together, we must carry to a "Changing World, Christ's Changeless Purpose."

Paul wrote, as translated by Dr. J. B. Phillips, "I feel myself under a sort of universal obligation." I pray that you and I will feel under a sort of universal obligation to take to a universal world in universal chaos a universal Christ.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs' G. W. Pomeroy

We come to the end of a Quadrenniun with some satisfactions and many misgivings. More reports are sent in and the quality of Program Planning is improved but not enough Societies have regular Program Committee meetinsg to evaluate and plan ahead. This is the key to effective programs—advanced planning with specified goals for each program, keyed to each society, and a follow up of each three programs.

World Federation of Methodist Women was presented in more Societies during 1959-60 than in previous years. Techniques of presentation were used from suggestions made by the Conference Vice President.

Special days are observed generally. A marked increase in the ob-

servance of United Nations Day and Human Rights Day has been noted in the past year.

Local Vice Presidents have improved themselves as leaders by attending training opportunities, reading publications and keeping a file of materials to use in program planning.

Please read the recommendations of Vice Presidents carefully and note the change of reporting dates, and that the Secretary of Promotion has been added to the Program Committee.

The goals for the new Quadrennium are listed in the May **Methodist Woman.** What a challenge to help women discover "Our Mission Today" through program planning.

Let us never forget that our purpose is to unite women and children in loving our Lord Jesus Christ.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We commend Vice Presidents for their intelligence, ingenuity, and devotion in directing the educational program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

WE RECOMMEND:

SPECIFIC

1. That all Vice Presidents study the responsibilities of her office in the light of the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of the quadrennial emphases.
2. That each Vice President consider prayerfully the obligations implied in being chairman of the Committee on Program, including:
   Coordination of work of all members of the committee;
   Responsibility for development of the total program of the Society.
3. That the Vice Presidents maintain an active resource file of reference material for program use.
4. That Vice Presidents follow the monthly suggestions as given in the Calendar of Events in **The Methodist Woman.**
5. That every Vice President avail herself of the training and educational opportunities offered by the sub-district, district, and conference seminars, workshops, school of missions, and in-service training days.
6. That each Vice President report fully, accurately, and on time,

	First Report due:	**Second Report due:**
Local	November 15	May 15
District	November 25	May 25
Conference	November 30	May 30

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

1. That the Committee on Program begin program planning for 1960-61 when flier announcing the monthly programs for the year is available from Literature Headquarters.
2. That at least four regular meetings of the Committee on Programs be scheduled.
3. That modern techniques of program presentation, including methods of group participation, be studied and used.
4. That the Committee on Program study the purposes of each monthly program and each study class before the first meeting.
5. That the Committee on Program make plans to include all the

programs in the Program Packet within the year's presentations. This may require creative work in "combining" and/or additional meetings.

6. That the Committee on Program plan extra meetings for unexpected visitors such as returned missionaries, Christian leaders or deaconesses, or fit them into the already well-planned program.

MATERIALS FOR PROGRAMS

1. That the **Program Book** and **Worship Booklet**, "The Word . . . in our Midst," be used in general meetings and circles.
2. That additional material for programs be taken from **The Methodist Woman, World Outlook**, the current **Annual Report**, and other Woman's Division literature.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

1. That each Vice President regard as a special trust her assignment to strengthen "Christian ties around the world" through developing a sense of fellowship between members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and members of other units of the World Federation of Methodist Women.
2. That contacts be made with other units of the World Federation of Methodist Women within the United States, namely, African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Church, and the Free Methodist Church; and outside the United States through inviting foreign students and other overseas visitors to meetings, and by visiting Methodist groups while traveling abroad.
3. That the World Federation of Methodist Women be presented to the Woman's Society at least three times each year.

MATERIALS FOR WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

That materials from **The Methodist Woman**; **World Outlook**; the **Handbook of the World Federation of Methodist Woman**; the leaflet, **Facts-World Federation of Methodist Women**; the World Federation film strip; and the World Federation Place Card be used in presenting the World Federation of Methodist Women.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. James C. Whitaker

The Castle Printing Company of Shreveport printed 800 copies of the Nineteenth Annual Report. The total cost of printing and mailing amounted to $1,289.11. Fifty-five copies were sold for cash.

It is gratifying to note the increased importance which is given to the office of recording secretary in the local society and on the district level. Better records are being kept. Interesting history is written of the advances in the work of the Woman's Society.

Many societies are making larger use of the Annual Reports of the Woman's Division and of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society. "The Guide for the Study of the Annual Report" prepared by Mrs. G. W. Dameron has proven most helpful.

The responsibilities of keeping the records and editing the Report have been great, but many persons have shared them with me, especially the Standing Committee on Annual Report. Each local woman in the conference has contributed to the progress which has been recorded in the past quadrennium.

I shall always be grateful for the privilege of serving. As I leave the office of recording secretary, my prayer is that each member of the Woman's Society shall become totally involved in our mission today to make Christ known and loved everywhere.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that each Recording Secretary:

1. Study and use **A Guide, The Twentieth Annual Report of the Woman's Division, The Twentieth Report of Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service,** "Constitution and By-Laws" and Parliamentary Procedure.
2. Study carefully instructions on how to write minutes from **Parliamentary Law at a Glance** by E. C. Utter, or some other approved set of instructions.
3. Record accurate, concise minutes, neatly written or typed and in permanent form. Keep all official records in good condition and safely stored. A list of Charter Members and Special Memberships should be included among the permanent records. Collect materials valuable to your office and pass them on to your successor.
4. Require that all motions made in meetings be submitted to the recording secretary in writing. This could apply for names and titles as well.
5. Become as well acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society as is the president, for the recording secretary and the president work as a unit.
6. Attend all connectional meetings which will give you a greater insight into the magnitude and scope of the Woman's Society.
7. Be a subscriber and a student of THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
8. Distribute Membership Cards and Transfer Cards. These may be obtained from Literature Headquarters.
9. Cultivate the spiritual life — always available, prompt, conscientious, enthusiastic, and prayerful in performing your duties.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

May 20, 1959 — May 18, 1960

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer

	Balance	Additions	Deductions	Balance
Balance in Bank	$ 5,486.96	$169,246.92	$168,332.05	$ 6,411.83
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Ass'n	3,000.00			3,000.00
First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n	3,025.91	122.22*		3,148.13
	11,512.87	169,369.14	168,332.05	12,559.96

*Dividends posted direct to pass book.

Designated Funds:	Balance	Additions	Deductions	Balance
Alcohol Education		2,397.31	2,397.31	.00
Cash for Supply Work from Miss Sheila Nuttall		479.57		479.57
Transient Funds	–220.24	330.62	335.13	–224.75
Cultivation Fund	5,707.20	9,600.00	10,894.45	
Returns to Cultivation:				
Jurisdiction School Missions		109.88		
Journals sold		27.60		
Convocation — Jurisdiction		25.00		
Dividends Rapides Bldg. & Loan Ass'n		120.00		
Jurisdiction Meeting		338.08		
Offering Annual Meeting		242.82		
Christian Career Clinics		49.09		
Guild Insurance Annual Meeting		36.20		
Guild Week-end		795.59		6,157.01
	$ 5,486.96	14,551.76	13,626.89	6,411.83

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts:

Balance in Banks May 20, 1959	5,486.96
Rapides Building & Loan Ass'n	3,000.00
First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n	3,025.91

Districts	Amount Pledged	Amount Paid
Alexandria	10,000.00	11,288.03
Baton Rouge	16,675.00	19,787.42
Lafayette	9,000.00	9,706.35
Lake Charles	12,100.00	15,157.63
Monroe	15,450.00	15,960.98
New Orleans	14,350.00	16,600.11
Ruston	14,000.00	12,836.25
Shreveport	25,000.00	29,857.02
	116,575.00	131,193.79

(Included in total of $131,193.79 from Districts is $300.00 for memberships and $480.00 To Love-To Lift-To Light—all for retiring officers)

Offering School of Missions	181.94	
To Love-To Lift-To Light	1,916.05	
Corsage for Missions	248.75	
To Love-To Lift-To Light — Guild	101.00	
Retiring Officers — Guild	300.00	
Corsage for Missions — Guild	116.00	
Offering and Registration — Annual Meeting Guild	355.15	
TOTAL ON PLEDGE		134,412.68
Youth		3,485.00
Children		210.44
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS		138,108.12
Cash for Supply Work		16,919.04
Week of Prayer		8,625.78
Supplementary		642.22
Alcohol Education		2,397.31
Cash for Supply Work from Miss Shiela Nuttall		479.57

Transient Funds		330.62	
Returns to Cultivation		948.67	
Guild Week-end		795.59	169,246.92
Plus Dividend First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n posted direct to pass book			122.22
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR			180,882.01
Plus amounts sent direct to Woman's Division			57.25
			180,939.26

Disbursements:

To Woman's Division of Christian Service W. S. C. S.:			
Pledge	88,087.61		
Study Book Projects	2,441.30		
In Remembrance	1,159.66		
My World Bank	3,698.34		
To Love-To Lift-To Light	2,558.35		
Special Memberships	9,880.00	107,825.26	
Guild:			
Pledge	14,089.58		
Study Book Projects	257.08		
In Remembrance	133.00		
My World Bank	288.76		
To Love-To Lift-To Light	101.00		
Special Membership	2,118.00	16,987.42	
TOTAL ON PLEDGE		124,812.68	
Youth		3,485.00	
Children		210.44	
TOTAL ON APPROPRIATIONS		128,508.12	
Cash for Supply Work — WSCS		14,868.55	
Cash for Supply Work — Guild		2,050.49	
Week of Prayer — WSCS		7,331.39	
Week of Prayer — Guild		1,294.39	
Supplementary:			
WSCS - foreign undesignated	25.00		
WSCS - Crusade Scholarships	572.22		
Guild - foreign undesignated	12.50		
Guild - home undesignated	12.50		
Guild - Centro MacDonell	20.00	642.22	
TOTAL TO WOMAN'S DIVISION			154,695.16
Plus Amount sent direct to Woman's Division			57.75
			154,752.91
Transient Funds		335.13	
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation		2,397.31	
Guild Week-end		795.59	3,528.03

Conference

Cultivation	**Budgeted**	**Disbursed**
Officers' Expense	1,000.00	608.54
Annual Meeting	1,200.00	1,507.96
Annual Report	1,250.00	1,289.11
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00	170.05

Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00	750.00*	
Conference School of Missions	800.00	892.36	
Jurisdiction School of Missions	450.00	380.46*	
Christian Social Relations	200.00	200.00	
Conference Work Shops	100.00	.00	
Christian Career Clinics	200.00	115.00*	
Conference Youth Director	600.00	600.00	
Co-operative Meetings	300.00	280.22	
Student Regional Conference	110.00	150.00	
Division Cultivation	35.00	69.82	
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00	698.20	
Miscellaneous	465.00	1,426.74	
Guild	1,200.00	960.40**	
	9,600.00		10,098.86
			168,379.80
BALANCE IN BANK			6,411.83
Rapides Building & Loan Association			3,000.00
First Federal Savings & Loan Association			3,148.13
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR			180,939.76

*Denotes refund to these accounts. See amount under "Designated funds"

**Detailed Guild disbursements:

Jurisdiction School of Missions	137.24
Secretary of Supply Work	3.20
Jurisdiction Guild Week-end	115.72
Conference Guild Week-end	134.34
Jurisdiction Cultivation	101.95
Division Cultivation	10.20
Coaching Conference	16.43
Secretary Spiritual Life	8.00
Nominating Committee	6.62
Conference Secretary	91.62
Annual Meeting	335.08
	960.40

This is to certify that we have examined the books of Mrs. John H. McSween, Treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference, and have reconciled the bank balance to the attached statement. We found the books to be in excellent condition, and maintained in an orderly manner.

J. LEE MOAK BOOKKEEPING-TAX SERVICE

By: J. Lee Moak, Owner

RECOMMENDATIONS

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That the pledge to Missions to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the year 1960-1961 be $109,075.00.
2. That the Districts' pledge to Conference be:

Alexandria	$10,440.00
Baton Rouge	17,670.00
Lafayette	9,200.00
Lake Charles	13,100.00
Monroe	15,600.00
New Orleans	14,490.00
Ruston	14,000.00
Shreveport	25,500.00
	$120,000.00

3. That the budget for 1960-1961 be as follows:

Officers Expense	1,000.00
Annual Meeting	1,400.00
Annual Report	1,350.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Missions	900.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	450.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Conference Workshops	200.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	500.00
Student Regional Conference	200.00
Louisiana Rural Advisory Committee	100.00
Missionary Minute	60.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	700.00
Division Cultivation	70.00
Miscellaneous	395.00
Guild	1,500.00
	$10,925.00

4. That in the event of the death of the Treasurer of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society, or the disability of such Treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of said office, the President of the Local Society, District Society or Conference Society be authorized and empowered to draw and sign checks on behalf of said Society.
5. That $100.00 be taken from the item of miscellaneous in the budget and added to the $100.00 in the budget for the item of Student Regional Conference, making a total of $200.00 for the use of delegates expense to the Student Conference in Athens, Ohio in December, 1959.
6. That a supplementary gift of $1,200.00 be given the Business Girls' Inn for necessary improvements.
7. That the amount of $50.00 be allowed the Tour Committee to publish additional tour booklets.
8. That a supplementary gift up to $1,000.00 be given to MacDonell Methodist Center if, and when, the actual need is ascertained.
9. That $75.00 be given toward the expense of a Methodist youth delegate to the White House Conference, March 27 to April 2, 1960.
10. That South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society pledge be $2,000,000.00 for 1961-1962. This will mean a 4% increase over the actual giving on pledge for 1958-1959.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. R. R. Cahal, Secretary

An outstanding achievement of the past year has been the much greater emphasis on children's work, which can be attributed to the closer and better cooperation in such work between the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Conference Board of Education.

Thus it is that we now are reaping the benefits of plans developed at the regional meeting held in Kansas City in May of 1959.

Another worthwhile achievement has been the further progress in the work with children that has been made in our Conference this year. Each District Secretary has been able to make an excellent report covering her district workshop. Since these workshops fill an urgent need of more training for children's leaders in the area of missionary education, such progress is highly gratifying.

It is pleasing to see that more Local Secretaries of Children's Work are taking advantage of training opportunities and as a result are growing in ability to lead children. Also, there has been a healthy increase in the amount of money given through the Children's Service Fund. These are noteworthy evidences of good progress.

This report would not be complete without expressing personal appreciation for the fine work and cooperation of the District Secretaries. God grant that they may continue to do equally as well and better. Yet much needs to be done.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Secretaries of Children's Work are to continue to promote the Fellowship of Prayer for Children, inviting other children's leaders to participate.
2. A qualified Secretary of Children's Work should be elected in each local Woman's Society of Christian Service, according to plan provided on pages 19-20 of A GUIDE FOR THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE 1956-60. Each secretary of Children's Work should be provided with the new "HANDBOOK FOR SECRETARIES OF CHILDREN'S WORK" by her local Woman's Society of Christian Service.
3. Secretaries of Children's Work are urged to take advantage of all training opportunities so that they may grow in their ability to lead children.
4. Each secretary of Children's Work should attend the fall workshop in her district. Prior to the workshops, guidance clinics will have been conducted by the Conference Secretary and Conference Director for the district officers, and the workshops will be planned and carried out cooperatively by the District Secretary and District Director of Children's Work in each district. A feature of the workshops will be in giving specific guidance to primary and junor teachers for leading the current missionary studies for children.
5. Greater emphasis is to be given to Children's Missionary Study Materials.
6. Each Secretary of Children's Work should challenge her church to provide Additional Sessions with Children for the study of both approved mission study units for children during 1960-61.
7. The Secretary of Children's Work should seek to bring about a better understanding of the Children's Service Fund, and should promote the Fund vigorously.

8. Secretaries of Children's Work should be aware of the White House Conference on Children and Youth to be held in March 1960, and should participate wherever possible in the local and state follow up study groups.
9. The Secretary of Children's Work should feel an urgent need to strengthen the program of missionary education in every way possible, and should work in the community in which she lives and in wider areas if possible to bring about goodwill and better understanding between racial groups. A report of work done in this area is requested added to all local and district reports for the year 1960-61.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Secretary

During the past year the emphases of the department of Christian Social Relations have been focused primarily on issues and responsibilities that have a vital and continuing relationship of the **changes that envelop our world.**

No real evaluation can ever be made of results achieved. These and many more reported and unreported activities symbolize the answers of groups of Christian women to the challange of a changing world. Only a few brief illustrations can be cited to bring into focus in some small measure at least a few of the emphases.

United Nations

1) An increased interest in the study, "Contemporary Man and the United Nations" shows 102 study classes reported.
2) Because 1959 has been named by the United Nations as World Refugee Year, Methodist women are concerned about the plight of the refugees around the world. They are urging revision of the immigration laws.
3) Women have cooperated with the Trick or Treat program, and the Christmas card project.
4) Special programs in observance of United Nations Day were held.
5) Letters have been written to our Congressmen and Senators urging that sufficient funds be appropriated to support the work of the United Nations.

Temperance and Public Morals

1) The women of Louisiana have cooperated with the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation to promote better laws governing the sale of liquor and beer, and gambling.
2) We have contributed twenty-five cents per member on a local level to this foundation to be used to pay the salary of Rev. Charles Flurry to teach the youth of our state the dangers of alcohol.

Citizenship

1) An increasing number of citizenship brunches have been held in local churches. The emphasis has been on the responsibility of citizens to vote intelligently and to follow up that vote as responsible citizens. First Church, Baton Rouge, reports a very informative brunch.
2) The women of Louisiana have cooperated with the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation to promote good laws in Louisiana.

A very successful **World Trade Workshop** was held in New Orleans under the leadership of Mrs. R. W. Harkess, District Secretary of the New Orleans district.

A **T.V. Monitoring** project was reported by Mrs. J. E. Kelly, Ruston district secretary.

Methodist women have cooperated with United Church women, League of Women Voters, P.T.A. and other agencies to promote better communities.

As we face this new world of change, let us remember that Jesus Christ is the "Unchanging Lord" of those who accept his Lordship.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

BALANCE:	
June 1, 1959	$161.20
RECEIVED:	
Aug. 11, 1959	200.00
	$361.20
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Membership—La. Organization for State Legislation	$ 25.00
National Seminar—Greensboro, N. C. July 21-31, 1959	204.70
Printing	11.50
Postage	14.22
Meeting—La. Organization for State Legislation	14.56
	$269.98
BALANCE:	
June 1, 1960	$ 91.22

RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking toward the realization of "Our Mission Today" for Christ and His Church, the following emphases become major concerns and responsibilities.

1. **Understanding** the relationship between basic Christian beliefs and Christian Social responsibility.
   a) It is therefore recommended that the 86th Congress enact laws related to three issues in the Civil rights field:
      1) A Federal Anti-Lynching Law
      2) Bombings
      3) The right to vote should be protected

2. **Discovering** and conserving basic values of family life in a changing world
   a) Follow-up on the National Seminar, "The Family—In a World of Rapid Social Change," include plans for Seminars in miniature on the local level.

3. **Practicing** Christian principles of responsible citizenship in today's world.
   a) Every society cooperate with the Commission on Missions in planning a Church-wide study on **Alcohol.**

b) Support the **Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation** on the local level by contributing 25¢ per member through the local budget.

4. **Sharing** community responsibility in a "creative life of freedom and dignity" for children and youth.

   a) Cooperate in plans for follow-up sessions on the White House Conference on children and youth.

   b) Methodist women are called upon to study the issues of Race, Employment, Education and Housing. Decide what **you** can do to demonstrate to the world the professed belief of oneness of mankind in God's world.

5. **Interpreting** and supporting Christian concepts of freedom in the local and worldwide communities.

   a) The Woman's Division believes it is essential for the United States Government to abandon its inflexible position on disarmament and to explore the possibilities of dealing with ways of ending nuclear weapon tests by

      1) Agreements to suspend tests for a trial period
      2) Establish a United Nations' inspection agency
      3) Install inspection posts in and outside U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.
      4) Create a group to work out additional steps.

6. **Strengthen** the U. N. and other agencies for international understanding and world peace.

   a) Promoting UNICEF and/or an observance of UN day or week

   b) Attendance at United Nations

   c) In this World Refugee Year give special attendance to world's refugee problems. This can be helped by a thorough revision of the McCarran-Walter Act.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. United Nations' Seminar

   a) Seminars for local women, Sept. 25-30, 1960 and Feb. 5-10, 1961

   b) Cooperative Seminar, Oct. 17-21, 1960

   c) Special District Officers' Seminar, Oct. 9-14, 1960

   d) North American Seminar, Fall 1960

2. Other Conferences

   a) Regional Briefing Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 1-4, 1960

   b) White House Conference on The Aging, Jan. 1961

   c) National Methodist Convocation on Social Concerns, Jan. 31, Feb. 4, 1961, sponsored by the "New Board" presently under consideration.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary

It is gratifying to note these improvements: more persons are taking part on the Program Committee; more officers are using leaflets on the work in home and foreign missions, posters, Prayer Calendar, program and worship materials, study books, children's materials, hand-

books and Catalogue, and the back page of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Many secretaries of Literature and Publications are doing outstanding promotion. Literature sales increased last year in the Louisiana Conference. This is indicative of the great desire to study and learn the work of the Woman's Division in the thirty-seven countries around the world.

Although there are more societies, fewer are reporting in the area of literature and publications. Ruston District was the only district having 100% reporting every period. Beginning June first, societies will report to the district officers on November 15 and May 15. District officers report to the conference officers on November 25 and May 25.

Progress has been made and can be continued, by enriching the total program of the society through the wider use of literature.

A great challenge and opportunity are before us in the days ahead.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Every society elect a secretary who will carry out the duties of her office in such a way that all areas of the work will be undergirded and lifted.
2. Each local secretary:
   a. Make herself an invaluable asset to the program committee of which she is a member.
   b. Use the Subscription Record book and keep it as an accurate record for guidance and efficiency.
3. Local, district, and conference secretaries:
   a. Recognize that the purpose of the literature is to strengthen the total mission program of the church.
   b. Study and restudy the HANDBOOK on LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS and the report blanks.
   c. Consult the back of THE METHODIST WOMAN each month and pass on information about new materials to each officer.
   d. Constantly work for subscribers to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK with special emphasis during stated campaigns.
   e. Report fully on time.
4. District and conference secretaries:
   a. Assume full responsibility for ordering, displaying and selling literature at schools and seminars. (This service can be enhanced by contacting teachers and leaders for their suggestions before ordering.)
   b. Study and analyse each report and send suggestions for improvement.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Secretary

With much regret I make my last report to you of your fine work in Missionary Education of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. A total of 941 approved study classes were held this year, 437 of them receiving Jurisdiction Recognition and 45 Efficiency. This was an increase of 45 over the preceding year, but even more gratifying than the increase were the very fine reports and the splendid results growing out of the classes:—such as 162 Reading Circles, at least 539

books added to church libraries, 25 permanent scrap-books, more use of the Prayer Calendars, support of native missionary students, increased giving to missions, and many other splendid projects.

Much of this progress was due to the large numbers who took advantage of training:—410 at Schools of Missions, 1303 at Seminars, and countless others at zone and officer training meetings.

The Guilds, under the leadership of Mrs. F. G. Phillips, had a total of 103 Jurisdiction Recognition credits and at least 8 Efficiency classes. Those with 4 were Pineville, Jonesboro, First Church of Monroe, Second Church of New Orleans, and First Church of Lake Charles. Those of the Woman's Society with more than 4 were Pineville 9, Homer 7, Bunkie 6, and Clinton 6; with 4 were Belcher, Gilliam, Hosston, Wynn Memorial, and Park Avenue; First Church of Bastrop; Lake Vista in New Orleans; Downsville, Bogalusa, Jefferson; First Church of Lafayette, Wesley of Crowley, Palestine, and White Chapel.

As Mrs. Wideman Watson and Mrs. Austin Miller begin this year as Woman's Society Secretary and Guild Chairman of Missionary Education, will you not pledge them your best missionary education year? My prayers and my thanks to each of you for your fine work in this field of service.

1960 SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE
CENTENARY COLLEGE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

August 15-19, 1960

Dean: Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Assistant Dean: Mrs. M. R. Tatum
Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson
Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller

Courses and Instructors:

Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions
Mrs. Clotilde Nanez, San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Into All the World Together
Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Lubbock, Texas
Mrs. C. C. Coffee, Lubbock, Texas

Christian Responsibility and the Alcohol Problem
Mrs. Roy Dillon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Miss Sarah Parrott, New York City

Basic Christian Beliefs
Mrs. Henry Barnett, Lakeland, Florida
Mrs. George Metzel, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Lake Charles, Louisiana

RESOURCE PERSONS

Dr. Ortha M. Lane
Miss Frieda Wirz
Rev. Harry Ezell

CLINICS

President
Vice-President
Missionary Education and Service
Christian Social Relations
Wesleyan Service Guild
Literature and Publications
Spiritual Life Cultivation
Missionary Personnel
Promotion

BIBLE HOUR

Dr. James Chubb, Grand Island, Nebraska

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service be nominated and elected with special consideration for personal commitment, ability and aptitude for generating interest in missions, mission-centered programs, and approved studies.
2. That she be appraised of the importance of serving through a full term of service, and she cooperate with other officers in presenting the total program of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.
3. That she be aware of her relationship to the Chairman of Missionary Education of the Wesleyan Service Guild and Secretaries of Youth and Children's Work on all levels — Conference, District, and Local.
4. That secretaries attend and encourage others to take advantage of educational opportunities afforded by Jurisdiction and Conference Schools of Missions and Christian Service and District Educational Seminars.
5. That a current file of handbooks (1960-64), leaflets — such as Study and Action, Ways of Conducting Study Classes, Questions and Answers — on Missionary Education, and Annual Reports of Conference Woman's Society and Woman's Division be maintained.
6. That a careful study be made of the new report blank (1960-64).
7. That complete cooperation be given the pastor and the Commission on Missions in the promotion and presentation of the Church-wide study: CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY AND THE ALCOHOL PROBLEM.
8. That the CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES (June METHODIST WOMAN) be followed in setting up the study program.
9. That the goal of four approved studies be kept before each Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.
10. That each Woman's Society, Wesleyan Service Guild, and Conference accept as a goal a 5% increase in Jurisdiction Recognition and Efficiency Classes.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Mrs. Robley W. Davis, Secretary

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

This is "Christ's Changeless Purpose in a Changing World." This is the purpose of all Christian missionary endeavor—at home and abroad, of the missionaries and those who support them.

This is true of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The framework and policies change, but never the purpose.

Let us look at one change. In our first twenty years we have outgrown Special Missionary Projects whereby a local society, or individual member, assumed a certain amount of support for a specified missionary or project. Instead of this we are growing into the basic philosophy of the Woman's Division by giving to the total program.

This leaves us with two needs we are striving to meet through Missionary Service: to give the missionaries and deaconesses a personal touch with those who support them, and to give the local society a personal contact with missions.

During the past year I sent a birthday note to each missionary, deaconess and contract worker who has gone out from Louisiana, or who

serves within the borders of our conference; and Christmas greetings to each from Louisiana, and to each project within the state.

To assist the local society to have a personal contact with our missionaries and deaconesses, I edited the "Missionary Minute" twice. These consisted of excerpts of letters from the workers to the local societies through this office. In addition, there was a news sheet on Africa that was sold at School of Missions and Seminars, in order to defray expenses.

Each Recommendation below is essential for your growth. Take number two as a tonic for enthusiasm in missions; take three, four and nine regularly; and take the rest some time during the year—the sooner and more often, the better.

RECOMMENDATIONS

If we are to increase our zeal in this last year of the quadrennium, perhaps our greatest need is TO KNOW our missionaries and mission stations. Thus we would recommend:

1. A continued recognition of Workers at Annual and District conferences, and in local societies, with cooperation in planning effective itineration of furloughed and retired missionaries;
2. Missionary Tours to mission stations;
3. Close contact with missionaries through regular correspondence—with no thought of a reply;
4. Use of the "Minute for Missions" at each General and Circle meeting;
5. Use of maps, charts, slides, films, skits and scrapbooks as a means of visual aid;
6. A careful study of the 20th Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
7. Education regarding missionary support;
8. Effective interpretation of the missionary enterprise as a means of assistance in recruitment;
9. Daily use of Prayer Calendar.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Secretary

During this conference year, at least 70 young people have been contacted, primarily by correspondence, in the interest of recruitment for church-related vocations. Materials, related to special fields of interest, were sent to those youth who responded to the initial contact.

In addition to the above type of work which is more or less continuous, the following activities were undertaken and accomplishments realized:

1. The Secretary led a discussion group on "Finding Your Life's Work" during the Conference Youth Assembly in June, 1959.

2. The Louisiana Conference was represented by 5 young women at the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, in August, 1959. They were Misses Ethel Tycer, Alice Ruth Harrington, Carolyn Denison, Margaret Ann Jones, and Sue Saunders.

3. The Conference Society sent Miss Ethel Tycer as a delegate to the Jurisdiction Christian Vocations Week-end in Kansas City, November, 1959.

4. The Secretary attended a Regional Christian Vocations Seminar, in Atlanta, Ga., in February, 1960, as one of 3 representatives from the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations.

5. The Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel has been reactivated during the year and its membership enlarged to include the

eight District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel. (See report of the Committee on page 100).

The weakest phase of this line of work is two-fold: (1) the lack of a definite and workable plan for securing names of youth interested in church-related vocations, and (2) the inability of one person to maintain continuing contacts with those youth who have expressed an interest in full-time Christian Service.

We look forward to the 1960 Jurisdiction and Conference Schools of Missions, when Secretaries of Missionary Personnel will be in the pattern of attendance.

More people are becoming aware of the urgent needs for workers in church-related vocations and opportunities therein. It is our hope that this awareness can be translated into vital concern and a personal sense of responsibility for keeping before our young people the call to full-time Christian Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Realizing the need for concerted and prayerful effort in the Recruitment Program of our Church, the following recommendations are made:

1. That personnel needs of the Church be special objects of prayer in Society and Guild meetings as well as in prayer groups.
2. That each District Secretary of Missionary Personnel work actively to help her district achieve the goal of "one newly accepted worker" each year.
3. That the Secretary of Missionary Personnel cooperate with the Secretaries of Youth and Student Work, at all levels, to see that Christian Vocation needs and opportunities are presented in local, sub-district, district, and conference youth and student groups.
4. That the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel enlist the cooperation of the District Youth and Student Secretaries in educating the local Secretaries of Youth and Student Work to:
   a. Send copies of their period reports to the Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
   b. Send names of young people interested in a Church-related vocation to the Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
   c. Realize that the Secretary of Youth Work is the contact person in the local Society for the Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
5. That the Secretaries of Missionary Personnel make definite plans to attend the 1960 session of the School of Missions and Christian Service.
6. That local Societies and Guilds encourage the use of Christian Vocations films in local Church gatherings, such as Family Night Programs, Fellowship Dinners, Council Meetings, etc. and that these films be made the object of study and discussion. (Secure films and film strips from the Conference Board of Education.)
7. That, in churches where there is NO functioning Committee on Christian Vocations, the Local Society take specific steps to encourage the organization of an active committee. Such steps may include: (a) Appealing to the Pastor to appoint such a Committee; (b) Offering the service of a Society member as chairman, if leadership is needed; (c) Securing materials to help the committee plan its work; (d) Arranging for missionary speakers who will stress the Missionary personnel needs throughout the Church, to appear before both adult and youth groups.
8. That, in churches where there IS an active Committee on Christian Vocations, the Society President call for regular reports from the Society representative on the Committee.
9. That an emphasis on Recruitment needs and plans be made in at least one meeting of EACH ZONE in 1960-61.

PROMOTION

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT
1959 - 1960

Organization	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Societies	38	63	28	30	51	40	37	47	334
Net Gain	0	—1	3	1	0	2	—1	0	4
District 100% Organized	*			*		*		*	4
No. Unorganized Churches	0	6	6	0	5	0	4	0	21
District 100% Reporting	1,2,3	2	1,2,3	1,2,3	2,3	1,2,3	1,2,3	1,2,3	88%
New Members W.S.C.S	104	123	109	134	105	234	99	214	1122
Total Members W.S.C.S.	1071	2074	1161	1414	1887	1696	1532	2748	13583
New District Members	2	2	0	0	4	2	0	4	14
Total District Members	39	2	3	8	8	7	39	15	121
Total Membership	1110	2076	1164	1422	1895	1703	1571	2763	13704
Net Gain	54	—4	30	—66	—10	38	—48	—115	—121
No. W.S.G. Units	12	15	5	15	15	15	11	18	106
Net Gain	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	9
Membership, W.S.G.	259	328	101	304	297	274	263	346	2172

Conference Totals for Years	1958-59	1959-60	Net Gain
Number of Societies	333	334	1
Number Unorganized Churches	23	21	2
Number Members, W.S.C.S.	13842	13583	—259
Number District Members	122	121	—1
Total W.S.C.S. Membership	13964	13704	—260
Number W.S.G. Units	99	106	7
Number Members, W.S.G	2110	2172	62

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That we continue to make every effort to secure the organization of a Woman's Society in every church.
2. That emphasis be made in organizing circuit societies in sparsely populated areas where a society in every church is not feasible.

3. That the District Member continue to be cultivated by the District Secretary of Promotion as a nucleus of a future society.
4. That great emphasis be made in securing and keeping members in the local society, and that we actively cultivate all women of the church in cooperation with the Wesleyan Service Guild.
5. That the committee on membership seek to interpret the place and the responsibility of women in the local church.
6. That observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service be held in every church, with plans for cultivation of members and for financial promotion of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
7. That secretaries continue to avail themselves of leadership training opportunities at all levels.
8. That officer training be provided at all levels, as we seek to perform our duties in the best way possible.
9. That 100% reporting be the goal in every conference.
10. That the itineration of field workers and furloughed and retired missionaries be planned in each conference so that the best cultivation in those conferences will be made.
11. That we continue to seek the dedication of "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life," as we undertake to fulfill "Our Mission Today."

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Mrs. C. C. Dethloff, President

Mrs. Kathleen Waggoner, Secretary of Promotion

Looking back over the activities of the past year, we can see steady, sure progress. Our membership increased with 108 new members, thus giving us the privilege of achieving our goal of 10% increase. Our district is 100% organized, and has enjoyed 100% reporting for the entire year. One new society has been organized, and four new district members have been secured.

The results of our Seminar held at First Church, Alexandria, were excellent. 757 women have been enrolled in Study Classes. There have been 58 Jurisdiction Recognition Classes and one Efficiency Class. As a whole the quality of study classes has improved. Half-day session for Seminar proved very successful. A Book Room was set up in connection with Seminar. $173.50 of material was sold. Even though **Methodist Woman,** and **World Outlook** have been ably presented, our subscriptions continue to be too few.

Winnfield was host to our Annual District Meeting. The evaluation of the program proved it was the best ever. Miss Letah Doyle was our guest speaker. All of our District Meetings have been well attended. Programs on the local level have been set up with a purpose, and to take action. Reports indicate much progress has been made in accomplishing this.

Many of our societies sponsored Trick or Treat for UNICEF and nearly all of them had the U. N. Study this year.

Our Youth Work has shown progress in Christian outreach. More Mission Studies with increased interest in MYFund. One full time youth worker has been recruited and several others have expressed interest in part time vocations.

In the Children's Work, more additional sessions have been reported. A very fine workshop was held at the same time of Fall Seminar.

The secretary of Student Work has enjoyed receiving more reports stating that special holidays were observed.

The year 1959-60 was an all time high for Alexandria District in our finances. Though our pledge and supply askings were raised, we still overpaid with a totol of $13,822.82. Our District Members contributed $27.00.

Our Zone Meetings have been wonderful with purposeful and informative programs. There has been better attendance with more societies having representation.

The District Officers have enjoyed a fellowship that is most valuable from their visits to the local societies.

We are gratefully proud of our achievements but as we enter 1960-1961 we dedicate ourselves to more perfect service that we may achieve greater goals.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Mrs. R. O. Coorpender, President

Mrs. W. A. Ragan, Secretary of Promotion

The Baton Rouge District has 64 societies with 2,077 members and two district members; 13 Wesleyan Service Guilds, 309 members, total membership 2,388. New members in the Woman's Society 127, Guild 37, total 164. One new Guild has been organized at Jackson.

At the Annual District Seminar held in Hammond, 207 members from 39 societies were in attendance. All approved studies, the church-wide study and the program material were presented. Jurisdiction Recognition was given for 61 studies and four Efficiency studies in the Woman's Society and the Guild. 1,770 were in attendance. Seventy-one studies were taught that did not meet the required standards.

The pledge to missions from the Woman's Society was $16,763.18; Guild $3,018.76; total $19,782.42. This includes regular pledge, World Banks, special memberships, gifts for retiring officers, In Remembrance, and results of study gifts. The week of Prayer offering $1431.98 from the Woman's Society; $480.10 from the Guild; total $1912.08. Cash for Supply Work, Woman's Society $2,864.50; Guild $409.80; total $3,274.33.

The work of the Woman's Society was portrayed at the Annual Conference Style Show by using the industries of the district as a medium to display the work. Mrs. W. W. Hyde, District Treasurer, wore a dress of paper from the Bogalusa mill. On this dress, all phases of our work were printed. Products or containers of other industries were used to complete the wearer's ensemble. The narrator for the style show read rhythmic verse accompanied by music as the style review progressed. District statistics were printed on a sandwich board, which was worn by the district secretary of Promotion as a part of the style review.

Twelve youth and adults attended the Youth Convocation at Purdue University. These young people were exposed to christian vocations from all angles. Miss Ethel Tycer of Tickfaw, a college student who is interested in being a medical missionary, attended the Missionary Workshop at Mt. Sequoyah. She was also our conference representative to the Jurisdiction Christian Vocation Week-end in Kansas City. Eighty young people of the district attended a Christian Vocations Clinic at which time seven christian vocations of the Methodist Church were lifted up. Thirty-two young people participated in the Annual Missionary Tour. They visited seven great institutions in Louisiana that are sponsored by the Woman's Society and the Methodist Church. Five new names have been added to the list of those interested in full-time Christian service from our district this year.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, President

Mrs. George H. Thomas, Secretary of Promotion

A busy year this has been, with many Societies doing excellent work. The study of the Louisiana Conference Annual Report as the program for Fall Zone meetings proved to be profitable. The Seminar in September was quite well attended and a source of needed information and inspiration. The Annual District Meeting held in Franklin in April with Miss Letah Doyle as speaker of the day proved to be an outstanding meeting for those in attendance. Spring Zone meetings were attended by district officers, several attending all of them, for officer training in the form of question and answer periods, with much interest shown.

Lafayette District has a total of 1,164 members, a gain of thirty members for the year. With the organization of new Societies at Jeanerette and Pecan Island and the reorganization of the one at Grand Isle which had disbanded for a year, we had an increase of three Societies — a total of 28 — with six churches still unorganized. Pledge and Supply askings were overpaid, and an increased interest in studies was evidenced.

We conclude this quadrennium with the knowledge that although much work has been done, there is much more to be done as we seek to attain the Spirit of Christ for All of Life.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., President

Mrs. Frank Jackson, Secretary of Promotion

The Lake Charles District continues to be 100% organized with a total membership of 1,422. Our district met its pledge to missions and sent in well over $2,100 on Special Memberships.

There was special emphasis placed on Christian Social Relations this year. Twenty churches and over 500 children and young people collected $1,172.32 for UNICEF at "Trick or Treat" time. At one of our fall zone meetings Mr. W. E. Hotalen, Executive Director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, spoke on citizenship. At another, a speaker and panel from the League of Women Voters were presented.

Our spring zone meetings were devoted to officers' training. There was almost 100% representation in each zone and at the annual district meeting.

Seminar was held at First Church, Lake Charles, where the studies were interestingly and cleverly presented. Worship settings arranged for each month of the year were set up to guide us in creating this important phase of teaching through visual aid.

The Lake Charles district also held a Children's Seminar under the leadership of Mrs. John Webb.

The Nineteenth Annual Report was studied with a great deal of interest. Some fifteen societies reported having made a special study of this report.

Our district also participated in the Pilot Survey. DeRidder was one of the small towns chosen in which to make this survey and we are proud of the work done there.

As the Lake Charles district begins its work for 1960-61, our prayer is that we will not be blinded by the mountains to the light that is upon them.

MONROE DISTRICT

Mrs. A. H. Harper, President

Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Secretary of Promotion

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Monroe District consists of 51 societies. 105 new members have been added to our rolls, making a total of 1,895. We have eight district members and five unorganized churches.

The fall zone meetings and the Seminar were well attended. The Seminar Program was well planned with each study being presented in two ways. A short session of each was given in the Sanctuary while a longer session of each was given in separate rooms.

The meeting dates of each society have been received and a district officer has been assigned to each for visitation. This has really been enjoyed by the officer and the society visited. Each zone leader has visited each society of her zone.

We had good attendance at our District Meeting. Our Program was varied some this year. Four discussion groups added interest. Miss Letah Doyle was our Missionary Speaker. Mrs. Glenn Laskey gave an inspiring talk on "The New Quadrennial Emphases."

At the Spring Zone Meetings officers' training was held under the leadership of the District Officers. Approximately 245 women were trained.

We have again overpaid our pledge to missions by over $500.

This has been one of the richest years of our lives as we have traveled the highways together with the consecrated women who make up the Monroe District. We pray God's richest blessings will rest upon each of us as we strive to bring the Monroe District into a closer unit of His work.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, President

Mrs. J. E. Manis, Secretary of Promotion

It was a joy to report to the Annual Meeting the outstanding events of the New Orleans District in typical Mardi Gras fashion. The cry, "Hey, Sisters" from our masked president, alerted each fellow society member to catch throws which depicted the World Trade Workshop, Christian Vocations Clinic, A Special Day Apart, contributions to Missions which were more than pledged, and more studies than ever before. "Hey, Sisters" . . . will long be remembered by each member of the societies of the New Orleans District, as each one had a great part in making all these events possible.

In the sunset of the 1956-60 Quadrennial Theme, the forty societies and thirteen Wesleyan Service Guilds of the New Orleans District are grateful for "The Spirit of Christ — For All of Life." It is only with this humble basic fulfillment that we eagerly accept the challenge of OUR MISSION TODAY.

Through deeper and more consecrated faith we will be compelled to take firm definite steps doing God's will in facing unhesitatingly factors that are present in our midst today. Only united efforts of women of the Societies and Guilds can develop a program of witness and service to answer the beckoning horizons which have no boundaries. OUR MISSION is TODAY and we dare not wait until tomorrow to accept it.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Mrs. L. K. Wells, President

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Secretary of Promotion

Ruston District's progress during the past year is measured, not alone by facts and statistics, but by such intangible qualities as a deepening spiritual consciousness, a more informed membership, and an endeavor to further the goals and ideals of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Participation, attendance, promotion, and reporting have improved measureably.

A membership of 1,571 is represented in 37 societies and 30 district members. Although 99 new members have been added, a compilation of all reports reveal a loss of 48 members. Part of this loss is accounted for by the transfer of one large group to the Guild.

The District Seminar, District Annual Meeting, and all Zone Meetings have been well attended. Programs have been carried out with variety, and have been increasingly informative and challenging. The re-zoning of the district, and the reorganization of the zones have had a decidedly favorable effect upon the local societies. Each zone has met twice during the year with well-rounded programs, including officer training, emphasis upon various lines of work, and personal spiritual enrichment. Each occasion has been an indication of close fellowship and oneness of purpose on the part of all who attended.

Increase in membership and increase in giving to missions have been stressed on all levels. Plans for the new year include a concentrated program of visitation by district officers to local societies. The purpose of this project is to cement the relationship of the local society to District, Conference, and Division through information and encouragement, and to make the local women more aware of the needs and purposes of their organization. It is hoped that Ruston District, as a result of the consecrated devotion of its executive committee and its membership, will go forward to new heights of achievement in carrying its share of the great work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Mrs. J. L. Saxon, President

Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Secretary of Promotion

Shreveport District has 47 societies with a total membership of 2,763. There are 15 District Members and 19 Wesleyan Service Guilds. We show a loss of 115 members, however 214 new members have been added through the District.

We welcome one re-organized society, Bethel. Annual Meeting held in Shreveport in March was well attended with 36 of the 47 societies represented.

During the Annual Meeting style show luncheon, Mrs. J. L. Saxon, District President, wore a dress that revealed our outstanding work in the District. Mrs. W. D. Snelling, District Secretary of Promotion, wore a Poster Board giving statistics. We were proud to display 100% reporting for fourteen years. We met and overpaid our pledge to Missions.

Seminars, Zone Meetings, and Annual District Meeting were well attended. Members signed evaluation sheets showing that they approve of the officers' training period held at the District Meeting.

A very successful Children's Seminar was held in the fall at Noel Memorial Church. We helped to sponsor a District Seminar on Church-Related Vocations. We are sending a youth delegate to Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. At our District Meeting we were proud

to have Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion, give an inspiring talk on the purpose and responsibility of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We have attended all meetings and helped societies whenever needed. May we continue to pray and promote the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Secretary

The Secretaries of Spiritual Life on the local, district, and conference level have accepted the responsibility of this office with joy. They have considered it a privilege and a real challenge to help "quicken the spiritual life of our Methodist women." Some of the many activities are listed below.

Most societies have had the Study of "Luke's Portrait of Christ." Not only has this study deepened countless spiritually, but all have been made conscious of the fact that we, too, are painting a "Portrait of the Christ" daily for some one. How we long to make that picture a worthy one!

The Lenten Season has come to mean more to our societies, through Bible Study, Days' Apart, Quiet Days and prayer.

Most societies report the observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial and participation in the World Day of Prayer.

It has been a real joy to note the increased number of persons using the PRAYER CALENDAR, in circles, general meetings, in the home and individual devotions.

The number enrolled in the Fellowship of Intercession shows a slight increase over last year. Those enrolled count it a real privilege to pray for the special projects listed on the card. This is one of the many ways in which our shut-ins are being included in this program. This group has much to offer and share with us.

Practically all secretaries report an increased desire for the presence and power of God in the lives of their societies. In order to meet this need, prayer groups and prayer cells are on the increase.

Each secretary has cooperated with her pastor and all groups in the church in every way possible to enrich the spiritual life of the church. "Spiritual Life Book Shelves" are more in evidence. Thank you for the privilege of these years of service in this field. May the years ahead find us of The Way doing bigger and better things for Him!

RECOMMENDATIONS

Believing that cultivation is necessary for Growth in the Spirit of Christ, we recommend that:

1. EVERY Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild elect a Secretary of Spiritual Life and Chairman of Spiritual Life, respectively.
2. That these persons seek always to serve better as an officer,
   a. Giving herself constantly to be used of God as a growing Christian.
   b. Better equipping herself by knowing ALL Spiritual Life Materials of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions before turning to other materials.
   c. Having an active Committee on Spiritual Life. (See Handbook)
3. The Secretary and her committee foster participation in the connectional program of the Methodist Church,
   a. Cooperating with boards, committees, and commissions of Evangelism.

b. Encouraging the reading of Methodist Periodicals.
c. Helping cultivate in the church vital experiences in prayer groups and study.

4. Promote the use of the PRAYER CALENDAR by individuals and church families.
5. Set up a Calendar of Activities to meet the needs of your group, guided in general by suggestions on the Spiritual Life page in THE METHODIST WOMAN.
6. Observances of Quiet Days, Times Apart and Retreats. In observing the Week of Prayer and Self Denial urge **both** a program meeting and a Quiet Day in the Week rather than a combined meeting.
7. Promote at least one prayer group in every society.
8. Prayerfully and sincerely endeavor to make the Spiritual Life Studies
   a. real Bible studies thus causing members to become eager to pursue the reading and study of the Bible.
   b. a real experience of spiritual growth.
9. Assist the Research Committee (local, district, conference and jurisdiction) by praying for the selection and election of the officers in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.
10. Plan NOW to have this group so active that no one will report "The Usual Summer Slump" but rather "This summer was a time of real cultivation of The Spirit."
11. That EACH SECRETARY of Spiritual Life report on time each period to her District Secretary of Spiritual Life.

STUDENT WORK

Mrs. Chas. H. Giessen, Secretary

The Methodist Student Movement in Louisiana is at work on Centenary Campus and on the campuses of Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State College, Northwestern State College, Southeastern Louisiana College, Southwestern Louisiana Institute and Tulane, as accredited Wesley Foundations. During the year Northeast State College has greatly strengthened its Wesley Foundation program. A new Wesley Foundation has been started at Francis T. Nicholls State College at Thibodeaux. Thinking of the Wesley Fondation as the campus church, the Annual Conference last year appointed a pastor-director for each foundation and adopted a dollar per member plan for each local church's support of Methodist Student Work throughout the state. This was necessary since the Woman's Division announced the gradual withdrawing of the $9,000 that has been given through the years for salary support.

Methodist women will be interested to know that Louisiana Colleges and Universities listed 5,434 Methodist preference students with 1,137 of these active in the Wesley Foundations last year. 117 of our students entered such church related vocations as the ministry, music, education, and missions. 113 deputation teams made up of 345 students went into local churches during the year. Our Methodist students gave $2,050 to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund. The most significant phases of their program during the year included worship experiences, Bible study, the program emphasis "The Church's Mission in the World," retreats, inter-faith activities, student volunteer movement, study involvement groups, and an increased concern for the delinquency situation and for the mentally retarded.

Secretaries of Student Work do not take credit for this rich program of Student Work this past year, but reports indicate coopera-

tion in many of these activities. Local Secretaries and societies have supported and encouraged their students with gifts, their love and their prayers. Wih God's guidance, we look forward to the new year with renewed hope and enthusiasm.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Each Society elect a Secretary of Student Work and actively support her in the work of the student department.
2. The District Secretary of Student Work call together the local secretaries of Student Work from those churches near a college campus to elect one of their number as Campus Secretary of Student Work.
3. Each local Society keep in touch with all of the young people who are away from home. This will include college students, graduate students, married students, service personnel and college age young people who have left their home community for employment.
4. All Methodist high school seniors be encouraged to attend college. That they be informed of the opportunities offered by our own Centenary College and of available Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Funds. (Material may be secured from the Board of Education, Box #871, Nashville, Tennessee).
5. Each Society actively support the local church in the observance of Student Recognition Day in December and Methodist Student Day in June.
6. Student Information Cards be sent to the college campuses before July 15, 1960.
7. The Woman's Society, at every level, offer assistance for making it possible for students to be members of student conferences, work camps, seminars, or institutes during the next year.
8. Students from other lands continue to have our personal concern and interest.
9. Secretaries of Student Work stimulate interest in and cooperate in an effective working committee on Christian Vocations in every local church.
10. Names and addresses of students interested in church-related vocations be referred to the District or Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel and to the Conference Secretary of Christian Vocations.
11. Student Work Secretaries cooperate with the Commission on Missions in encouraging families with college age youth to include in their summer vacation plans a visit to some institutions and projects of the Methodst Church wherever their vacation leads them in America. See locations near main highways in Methodist Tourist Map. (Methodist Tourist Map may be secured from Central Promotional Office, 740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill., at $1.00 each)

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Secretary

This year Louisiana Conference was asked for $11,400.44 as Supply Work Askings. Of this amount $6275.44 was for the Home Field; $5125.00 for the Foreign Field. All of the Askings were met except one and because one society did not meet its Asking, there was one Institution that was short two dollars.

In addition to giving to the Institutions on the Askings list, gifts

of love were given to three other fields of work.

The total cash and cash value given through Supply Work for 1959-60 was $17,555.31. Of this amount, $10,012.00 was given on the Home Field—Woman's Society $8115.14; Wesleyan Service Guild $1260.59. On the Foreign Field the Woman's Society gave $6753.41, and the Guild gave $789.90. Cash value on the Home Field was $636.27.

Comparing these figures with the giving of last year we find that there was in increase of $331.19 in the total giving over last year. The Guild gave $416.78 more this year on the Home Field and $70.78 less on the Foreign Field. This was a gain of $346.00. The Woman's Society gave $166.55 more in Cash Value than last year. They gave $854.59 less on the Home Field and $699.98 more on the Foreign Field. This was a loss of $154.61. With the gain in Cash Value this makes a total gain of $11.94 for the Woman's Society. There was no giving this year by the Children or Youth through Supply Work.

"The Christmas in August" parties results were most gratifying. All of the Institutions which asked for Christmas gifts were well remembered. Cash gifts to Katako, Kombe, Belgian Congo, made possible the partly furnishing of a Delivery room there.

Lake Charles was the only District reporting 100% and that was for only one reporting period. All of the Districts have responded nicely to the Askings, giving more than was asked for in many instances. Most of the societies did some Home and some Foreign work each period.

Dulac needs used clothing. They can use all sizes — all ages, but especially children's clothes and shoes. Do not send very heavy clothing and high heeled shoes. They can use good used bed linens, towels, table cloths, curtains, dishes, glasses, cookware, blankets. They can use current style patterns.

MacDonell Methodist Center can use good used clothing, too.

Continue to save and send your Red Scissor Coupons for St. Mark's Community Center Camp. This year we hope to meet our quota and get a cash bonus for all over the quota. The money realized from these coupons will be used toward the furnishing of the camp.

As we share of our bounty to supply the needs of the missionaries and workers on both the Home and Foreign Field, we too have a part in doing for others with love so that the work of our Master may continue and that others may learn of His love for all of his children.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations will be helpful to those who do Supply Work:

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. A Secretary of Supply Work be elected in each local society who will attend training days and send in accurate reports on time, using the Handbook as a guide for her work.
2. Local and district secretaries educate societies to a greater appreciation of the work of the Woman's Division and the need for Supply Work.
3. The needs on the Askings list be met. Until the Askings are met in the **local** society or guild, the needs have not been met. Only then should contributions be made to other institutions.
4. The district secretary make a check at least twice a year to see if the institutions on the list of Askings are receiving the necessary materials or cash as requested.
5. ALL cash for Supply Work go through the local treasurer, to the district treasurer, to the conference treasurer (regular channels).
6. All information available be channeled to the local societies that

will create interest and participation in this work of the Woman's Division.

7. The Secretary of Supply Work be a member of the finance committee on the local and district levels.
8. Each Secretary of Supply Work subscribe to the **Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Sue Batton, Secretary

As we come to the end of the year and the quadrennium, we rejoice in the achievements of the past year, but we must be aware of our great responsibility and opportunity to enlist every employed woman in the Wesleyan Service Guild where she may take her place as an actively working Guild Member and Christian.

The total number of newly organized Units at the close of the year are seven, making a total number of 110 Units with a membership of some 2,159, and showing a net gain in membership.

As a result of study, with some 1,100 members attending study classes, we have a greater knowledge of the work of our church, a better understanding of other people, and a deeper concern.

We have an increased knowledge of our work through the use of Methodist Woman, World Outlook, Prayer Calendar and many other publications. We urge each local Guild unit to make more use of the literature and publications available to us.

We can rejoice over our constant increase in giving. The giving on appropriations for 1959-1960 reached the $17,000 mark. Supply askings were overpaid.

Great advances in Spiritual Life Retreats, prayer groups, and better programs and devotions.

Recruitment of missionaries and deaconesses has been emphasized, and some have answered the challenge.

The Wesleyan Service Guild looks forward with hope to the new quadrennium.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That, we continue our efforts to interest employed women in the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild so as to reach the women who have dropped out of the Woman's Society because they are employed.
2. That, we continue to emphasize the importance of a Guild unit in every church where there is no Guild and in Guilds where the membership has reached fifty, form new units.
3. More use of the Prayer Calendar to keep our prayer life from becoming self-centered.
4. That, we urge the importance of a least one Recruitment program each year on the Conference, District, and local levels, using a Missionary for inspiration.
5. **Spiritual Life:**
   That there be continued emphasis on retreats, observance of Week of Prayer; World Day of Prayer; A Day Apart.
6. **Supply Work:**
   That chairmen of Supply Work be secured on all levels, and that they be used as resource persons to channel information. When you have met your Supply Askings in full, both Foreign and Home, then send your money undesignated.

7. **Missionary Education:**
That, we continue to promote and encourage Mission Study Classes, and it is important that we increase the number of women in these classes, also encourage study for Jurisdiction credit.
   (a) That prayerful consideration be given to an increase in our pledge to Missions.

8. **Christian Social Relations:**
That we make a careful study of the recommendations adopted by the Standing Committee at Buck Hills Falls, **January 1960.**

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. C. R.McCammon, Secretary

There has grown throughout this year an awareness of the role of the Secretary of Youth Work in the unified program of the MYF. More Secretaries of Youth Work are serving as advisors on local councils in Christian Outreach, and in this capacity they have the opportunity to promote and plan meaningful mission studies. The study on "Africa" has been widely used by youth groups this year.

The study on the ecumenical movement, "Into All The World Together," scheduled for this year, 1960-61, should prove most helpful in fulfilling the recommendation that world peace and the ecumenical movement become a conscious part of the activities and programming in every MYF.

Many groups are giving expression of their concern for others through increased MYFund giving and through contributions of clothing to Church World Service, 4156 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri. In the quadrennium, 1960-64, 45% of the money given to MYFund will be allocated to projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The MYFund will be promoted as **the special** for the MYF, with special emphasis given to personalizing of MYFund projects.

Seminars on Church-Related Vocations have been held in each district this year. Secretaries of Youth Work have cooperated in these and also in their local churches to guide and encourage young people in worthy vocational choices.

Emphasis on the mission study program and further expressions of Christian Outreach will be made throughout the summer in the Conference Youth Assembly, Institutes, and Workshops. Secretaries of Youth Work are serving as resource persons in these and are encouraging local youth to attend.

These are days of challenge, and we are striving to meet them!

RECOMMENDATIONS

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That every Woman's Society of Christian Service elect a Secretary of Youth Work, giving careful study to the proper method of election as set forth on page 15 of "A Guide" and on page 243 of "Handbook of the MYF".
2. That every Secretary of Youth Work, working through the Youth Council of which she is a member, promote the missionary units in the Methodist literature for youth and the missionary materials for youth of the Commission on Missionary Education.
3. That the MYFund be promoted as **the special** for the MYF and that special emphasis be given to the promotion of the projects supported by the MYFund.
4. That world peace and the ecumenical movement become a real and conscious part of the activities and programming in every MYF.
5. That each Secretary of Youth Work contact her delegates to Gen-

eral Conference in the interest of making the Committee on Christian Vocations a mandatory committee in the local church.

6. That in every local church the Secretary of Youth Work help in all possible ways to establish and maintain an active Committee on Christian Vocations.
7. That the Secretary of Youth Work acquaint young people with the needs and opportunities in missionary and deaconess service and report the names of potential recruits to the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
8. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, be encouraged to participate in the training opportunities for adult workers with youth.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD

The Annual Conference Deaconess Board met in Alexandria on April 26, with nine members and two honorary members present.

We shared experiences which provided opportunities for talking about Christian Vocations in general and Deaconess Work in particular.

During the past year the Deaconess Board purchased the film "Make All Things New" and shared with the Commission on Christian Vocations the expense involved in announcing it to the districts and local churches. It is located in the film library of the Conference Board of Education. It has been used many times.

Plans were made for printing promotional materials for use in conference meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Wesleyan Service Guild and youth groups.

A deaconess interest center was placed at the Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly. Pictures of the Woman's Society projects in Louisiana illustrating some types of work done by deaconesses were used. Leaflets about the opportunities for girls interested in the deaconess relationship were made available.

The board voted to cooperate with the Commission on Deaconess Work in their program of a recruitment team which will visit college campuses throughout the country. We will work with the Conference Director of Student Work in this project.

The next meeting of the Deaconess Board will be held in the spring when Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work, will be our guest.

COMMITTEE ON TOURS

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman

From its inception, the Committee on Tours has functioned primarily as an information group. It has prepared and distributed widely a sheet called, "Methodist Tours in the Louisiana Conference," which outlines a suggested procedure for groups to follow in setting up a Mission Tour.

The booklet, "Tour With A Purpose," giving a brief descriptive statement and information for tour groups, about every Church-related and Woman's Division project in the Louisiana Conference, is now in its second edition. The first edition was published in May, 1959, and by November of that year, the supply of 100 copies was exhausted.

The second edition of the booklet, revised and showing a new format, is now off the press and available to Tour groups, upon request, from the office of the Conference Board of Education.

It is hoped that the Committee on Tours can broaden its service during the 1960-61 conference year to include plans for a Mission Tour for Louisiana youth.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Chairman

The first official meeting of the Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel, since this Secretary has been in office, was held September 30, 1959. On two occasions, prior to that time, members of the Committee, in attendance upon other conference gatherings, had met for informal discussions of the work of the Committee.

At its September meeting, the Committee adopted three projects:

1. To write each delegate from the Louisiana Conference to the General Conference, seeking to enlist his interest in, and support of, an emphasis on recruitment in the 1960-64 quadrennium.
2. To prepare and distribute to key persons of each District Committee on Christian Career Clinics, a list of resource persons available for service in the clinics.
3. To prepare a packet of materials on Christian Vocations to be given to each delegate to the 1960 Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

The three activities have been carried out. Six of the ten delegates to the General Conference replied to the letter from the Committee. In each case, the response was favorable and enthusiastic.

The persons who were contacted with reference to serving as leaders in the Christian Career Clinics expressed deep concern for the Recruitment program. It is hoped that the list prepared this year can be increased as interest in this work becomes more widespread.

The packets containing Christian Vocations materials, which were distributed at this Annual Meeting, have a two-fold purpose: (1) to contribute to the over-all information regarding needs and opportunities in Church-related vocations, and (2) to encourage the organization of the Committee on Christian Vocations in the Local Church.

Several representatives of the Standing Committee hold membership on the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations. Thus, the activities of the Committee and the Commission are made to compliment each other as the two groups share in the total recruitment endeavor.

The personnel of the Standing Committee has been enlarged to include the 8 District Secretaries of Missionary Personnel, thus bringing its membership to 21. The next meeting of the Committee will be held during the School of Missions in August, when the District Secretaries will be in the pattern of School attendance.

To dwell on the weaknesses we see in our work, or to bemoan the goals which we have set but have not reached would, in no wise, strengthen our spirits nor improve our ability to do the tasks at hand. Rather, we prefer to move forward under the compulsion of a great and unfulfilled need for lives dedicated to full-time Christian service. To this end, we shall work and pray that from every Church altar young people will go out to the ends of the earth to serve in His Name.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton Street
Shreveport, Louisiana
Hazel F. Cooper, Director

In common with many of our institutions throughout the Woman's Division of Christian Service we find some changes taking place in our services. For the past two years an increasing number of business college students have been resident. Almost the entire group of nearly 100 girls served during the year were 17 to 19 years of age.

We find increased need for guidance. Counseling in social skills, getting along better with others, solving the problems of growing up and reaching adult status, learning the management of money, — some of these prove very difficult.

It is always a joy to have former residents evaluate their experience of life in the Inn. Recently one remarked, "I don't know what would have become of me without the Inn. I was the greenest little country girl who ever came to Shreveport, and the most scared." She finished

business college, obtained a good position and is now happily married.

Policy Changes: In order to meet the rising costs of living and maintenance we have revised the financial policy. Charges formerly based on a monthly rate have been standardized on a weekly rate. The cost remains well within the ability of girls to pay but gives the budget more stability.

Improvements: During the winter central heating and air conditioning were installed in the dormitory section of the building. Provision was made for additional equipment at another time. Some redecoration is underway. We hope to redecorate all of the rooms before the end of the current year.

The City Mission Board composed of representatives from the Woman's Societies of the various Shreveport Churches elected seven professional men to serve in an advisory capacity on the Board during the year. The plan has been most successful. The men are interested and make a splendid contribution to the work of the women.

We deeply appreciate the cooperation and interest expressed by the women of the Louisiana Conference.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Dulac, Louisiana

Carl Brunson, Head Resident

This year has been one of the most exciting in our history — the planning of our new community building. On April 8, 1960, ground was broken and construction was begun. The building will be a one-story brick building built on an elevated slab. It will contain a gymnasium-auditorium, library, club room, music room, three kindergarten rooms, kitchen, rest-rooms and showers, storage room, and an office unit. Completion is expected in late summer.

However, the time has not been devoted exclusively to the building. The program has grown, even during a year of widespread illness. The kindergarten expanded and made necessary the division of the five-year-old class. The annual trip to Audubon Park for the five-year-old class was a highlight which they will long remember.

The club program was expanded in the fall to include some primary groups led by volunteer leaders of an MYF group. The square dance club has expanded and been divided. Membership in the Homemakers Club is limited by inadequate space, but the sewing and cooking skills of a dozen girls have increased considerably.

Enrollment in religious education classes for Protestant school children has increased still further and even includes one family of Catholic children.

The second National MYF Workcamp was held last summer and made some important physical improvements in addition to holding a very successful day-camp. The entire exterior of the building was repaired and repainted. Playground equipment was moved to a more convenient location, and the retaining wall was completed.

Two youth groups from Kenner and St. Luke's, New Orleans, each gave a weekend of free labor. The workshop was remodeled to provide a third kindergarten room, and the kitchen linoleum was replaced with tile.

We express our appreciation to each of you who has helped to make this a better year through supply work. Your interest and prayers have given us real support and encouragement, for which we are grateful.

LOUISIANA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

William M. Stokes., Director

"All that I am, and all that I have, I give to Christ and to his service. Amen." This benediction of our students expresses their devotion and service to Christ, a witness seen in all phases of their college life.

According to our students the most important phase of our program is the worship services. Vespers, held on Thursday and Sunday, and Prayer Time, held each morning, are planned and conducted by the students. These worship services enable the students to share their faith with each other, and to grow in their own spiritual lives.

This past year our students presented 37 deputation programs. These students have spoken at church services, circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men, and Methodist Youth Fellowship. These services enable the members of our churches to see a living faith expressed in the lives of our students.

Our students are mission-minded. Their Methodist Student Fellowship Fund pledge goes to Chung Chi College, Hong Kong, and People's Community Center, New Orleans. Each Sunday afternoon a group of students go out to the Methodist Children's Home to play with the children. During the year they sponsor, through the sale of candy special activities for the children.

Faculty-Student Discussions, which are held monthly, give the students an opportunity to meet in an informal discussion with faculty members on student-selected topics.

Honoring the freshmen of the Fall Semester a "Hawaiian Beach Party" was held, complete with palm trees and leis. Other parties are held throughout the year. Our students participate in various campus activities: Sing Week, Campus Carnival, Homecoming Displays (winning first place in the independent-religious division), and intra-mural sports (winning first place in track).

And so as we see the dedication of our students through their benediction but more so in their lives, we thank God for His guidance and for your support.

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

Houma, Louisiana

Harry E. Ezell, Director

The past year has been one of study and evaluation and change.

Changing Purpose: In consultation with authorities in the field of child welfare, it was decided that the need for a general purpose Protestant institution no longer existed at Houma. It was found that there is great need for a center which could specialize in care of adolescent children, for whom there are few resources in this State. In consultation with the Advisory Board and the Executive Secretary, the program and purpose were revised in the light of this need.

Professional Services: In the light of changing purposes, MacDonell secured professional psychological and psychiatric services for purposes of meeting needs of children and of staff training. A generous increase in support funds from the Woman's Division of Christian Service makes possible a salary for a full time, professionally trained Caseworker. Search is now being made for this person.

Policy Manual: Basic purposes and policies, systems of organization, rules and regulations were clarified and set forth in a policy manual issued to all staff members, Advisory Board Members, and the Executive Secretary. The manual will be available to new employees.

Changing Administration: The present Director was appointed by the Louisiana Conference to be Superintendent of its Home in Ruston, beginning in June, 1960. A professionally qualified and experienced man will come as Director on September first. During the summer the former Assistant Director will be in charge.

NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE

Natchitoches, Louisiana

Robert L. Tatum, Director

During the period of time since our last Wesley Foundation report was made, much has happened to our work at Northwestern. Student enthusiasm has remained at a high level. Efforts in all areas of our local work have been successful and rewarding. Still there is much to be done and many obstacles to overcome before we can advance much farther.

Of prime importance to the students we serve is the glaring lack of facilities. We are serving more students than we can possibly accommodate in our present building. To pin point the problem, our student council has 20 members. Our chapel (enlarged one year ago) has room for only 55 students. (This number is reached by putting students in

aisles, over the floor heater and to one side of the altar.) If all of our council members are present in a particular meeting, we then have room for only 35 other students. Our outreach is limited because of building size. Because of increased growth at Northwestern, next year poses an even greater problem.

In face of this handicap, our program has moved along well in all areas of work. Our students attended the Leadership Training Conference in Oklahoma this past summer. Two of our boys were able to go to the Athens Conference through the help of Woman's Society groups in Natchitoches, Bunkie, Alexandria, and Trout. Our students actively participated in the Ruston Retreat on Feb. 20-21. NSC, La. Tech and NLSC were all represented. Dr. Roger Ortmeyer from SMU was the keynote speaker.

Our students have pledged $225 to the Fellow College and Fellow Student programs and have underwritten this project with pledges. In addition they have put $226 into a special Savings Fund, looking toward the day when building plans will start.

Other strong areas of work have been deputations, over 23 this year; intramurals, both boys and girls; Worship; and special activities. Our relationship with the faculty and administration has been outstanding. Teachers and Deans feel the work is important enough to devote time to meetings, committee work and teaching Sunday School.

Our major program study this year has been the Social Gospel of the Methodist Church. We undertook this study over a year ago and have investigated every area of concern. We have offered two courses in Bible for credit—New Testament last Spring and Old Testament this Spring.

We have completed a good year at the NSC Wesley Foundation and we have found that the local, state and national groups of the Woman's Society have been fine advisors and very cooperative in all areas of our work. We are fortunate to be a part of the mission work of the Woman's Division.

PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery Teacher

The People's Methodist Community Center was founded July 4, 1922. The main objective in the early years was to provide an acceptable Day Care Center for the children of underprivileged mothers, who for economic reasons, were forced to seek employment outside the home. In time, interested persons came to realize that here was a great opportunity to further meet the urgent needs of this community by extending its services to other fields.

In this, its thirty-eighth year of existence, the center is now providing Day Care for seventy-four children in the two to six year age bracket. Additionally, there are one hundred thirteen enrolled in the kindergarten through second grade classes which operate on a normal school day schedule. A total of one hundred eighty-seven children are being served daily.

This, however, is only one phase in the life of the center. In its enlarged program this institution now offers many additional activities, i.e. athletic and literary clubs for junior and teen-age boys and girls for the after-school hours. These include a fine basketball team, as well as other recreational games, dancing classes, sewing and cooking classes, two Girl Scout Troops, a Brownie Troop and several workshops and institutes for older youth and adults.

The four weeks Vacation Bible School, Special Summer Day Care, and Day Camp are offered during the summer months to provide opportunities for profitable and pleasurable activities at a time when many boys and girls in the five to fourteen year age group find themselves with time hanging heavy on their hands.

The Center receives a major portion of its support from the United Fund and the Methodist Board of Missions, but a very significant con-

tribution is also made by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference. We are very glad for an opportunity at this time to express our appreciation and gratitude for the financial support received from this group of dedicated Christian women as well as the many gifts made available through the office of the Secretary of Supply Work.

SAGER BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana
Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

Training boys and girls for citizens of tomorrow has been our main emphasis this year. The three fundamental institutions which have made, and which will continue to make the type of world in which we live, are the home, the Church, and the school. Through our training at Sager Brown Home and Godman School, we prepare children to fit well into these three institutions of living.

The work stems almost wholly around children whose lives have been influenced by broken homes, child desertion, alcoholism, and economic conditions. During this school term one hundred seventy-one children have been placed in the care of the Home and School. One-third of this number have permanent residency at Sager Brown Home.

Careful planning has been done by the staff to help these boys and girls develop mentally, physically, and spiritually. Kindergarten through the eighth grade is taught at Godman School. Classes are held in the summer for slow learners. Our children compete and rate well with students of the parish in speech, music, and sports. The May Day Festival and Parade were highlights for the year, both financially and educationally.

Spiritual training and development have extended into the community. The children have actively engaged in the Church School, M. Y. F., Choir, Mid-Week Prayer Services, and the Vacation Church School of Trinity Methodist Church. The Glee Club made appearances at local churches and at the Louisiana Annual Conference. The School of Missions for the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service (Central Jurisdiction) and the Franklin District Ministers' Wives' Annual Tea were held again at Sager Brown Home.

It is with grateful hearts that we acknowedge the gifts of The Woman's Societies of Christian Service.

Improvements this year have been: Driveway on campus resurfaced with asphalt, institutional laundry equipment, "Servis" Mower, painting of buildings.

Thank you for your prayers, gifts, best wishes, and presence.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 North Rampart Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
Fae L. Daves, Director

Someone has said that the only thing we can be sure about in our world is change. We hear much today about change in our urban areas and how these changes are affecting our institutions. We read in **The Methodist Woman** of changes made in many Community Center programs. We are going through somewhat the same process in New Orleans, and at St. Mark's we, too, must adjust to some change.

It is with regret we announce that on March 11th we terminated our Day Care Center with its service for little children of working mothers. Many children and parents have benefited greatly by this service during the fourteen and one-half years of its existence.

But there is another reason why some change is necessary this year. We have had a cut in our appropriation from the United Fund. Neither last year or the year before did the United Fund make their quota, with the result that all agencies have had to be cut, some as much as 15% during this period. We were cut 5% last year and 6.7% this year, making a total of 11.7% for the two year period. Actually this means that we will receive $2,050.00 less from the United Fund in 1960 than we did in 1958. We are happy to say that for their fiscal year begin-

ning June 1960, the Woman's Division of Christian Service has increased our appropriation by $750.00 a year. They also have set aside $2,500.00 for us for some needed repairs to the building.

Despite the changes which have come in our neighborhood, our yearly enrollment of individuals has changed very little over the past ten years; it is about 550 a year. More than half of our members 18 and under return the 2nd year; 27% are with us from 3 to 5 years; 13.8% from 6 to 9 years; and 3% of those enrolled have been members 9 years or more. The things we notice is that more members are coming further distances and perhaps do not get here as many times a week as they once did. In our program of group work and recreation the need continues to be about the same. There is no other agency in all the downtown area of New Orleans that offers the kind of program offered here. St. Mark's is still the haven for little fellows from broken homes like A— and C— who look forward to Bible Story and Apache Club each week and a happy time in the Game Room. Boys and girls, youth and adults learn to work and play and plan together in a democratic fashion.

Last summer we had the biggest program we have had for several years. It included swimming with classes and "dips"; Play Camp around the theme of "Adventures in Alaska"; and six weeks of camping at Camp St. Mark's—6 day periods for each group. And there are the usual big events—the Christmas pageant of the Nativity; the Fair, where we raised $350.00 for camp maintenance, and the May Festival.

Our thanks to all of you for your concern, your prayers, and your gifts.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allen O. Jernigan, Director

The program emphasis for 1959-60 was "The Church's Mission in the World." We joined with student movements around the world in seeking to understand the Church's Mission. Perhaps the most vivid and concrete expression of the life and missions of the Church has come to us in the person of Miss Noemi Sara Vallejo. Our S. L. I. students on the World Christian Community Committee asked the question, "How can **the Life and Mission of the Church** become a reality at Southwestern?" As a result of much work, prayer, and promotion, we were able to sponsor this year "Project Scholarship" and bring a Methodist student from Argentina to S. L. I. for a year's study. Miss Noemi Vallejo from Mendoza, Argentina, has made a vital contribution to the total life of our fellowship. Noemi attended with nine other S. L. I. students the 18th Ecumenical Student Conference at Athens, Ohio, December 27-January 2. She attended our Spring and Fall Retreats; she has helped us understand the work of the Methodist Church in Argentina; she has lived in our midst as a symbol of the world mission of Methodism.

Now to lift up just three phases of our program this past year that have been most significant.

1. WORSHIP. Worship has been central in the life of our Wesley Foundation. We have had special programs and studies on the meaning of worship. We began to rediscover the meaning of Christian worship as we used John Wesley's Orders and many other worship forms.

2. STUDY GROUPS. Students are called to the discipline of study. "A Christian student goes to his desk as to an altar." Therefore, we felt called to study the Christian Faith. A course in UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT was given; Bible Study was the basis of our College Class—Sunday School at the Wesley Foundation every Sunday mornlng; and we participated in a study of the relationship of religion and higher education.

3. WORLD CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. The committee on World Christian Community established contact with our Fellow College, Trinity College, Singapore, by means of a tape. An entire Thursday evening's program was taped and sent to Singapore along with greetings and messages from the director and students.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 18, 1959

The Standing Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at Camp Brewer, Saturday, July 18, 1959. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a. m. by Miss Sue Batton and opened with a devotional by Miss Arline Tyler.

The secretary called the roll and the following members were present: Mesdames F. G. Phillips, E. T. Cowell, Alvin Sandefur, Clayton G. Mainous, George Smith, W. D. Cotton, Earl Nugent, L. B. Kilpatrick, J. H. McSween, Wideman Watson, Lee Tidwell, Misses Sue Batton, Arline Tyler, Margaret McGowan, Elizabeth Langford, Maree White, Mildred Evans, Hazel Cooper, and Marilynn Carter. Absent were: Mesdames J. B. Thompson, B. F. Patterson, C. B. McGowan, F. E. Kennon, and Glenn E. Laskey. Miss Tyler moved that the secretary send messages to those absent.

A Journal Committee was appointed by Miss Batton. Members appointed were: Miss Cooper, Miss McGowan, and Mrs. Cowell.

Miss McGowan, Chairman of Supply Work, reported we have two Home Supply Askings this year. One is $425.00 for the Sager Brown Home at Baldwin, Louisiana, to be used for first aid, medical care, and school supplies. The other Home Supply Asking is $500.00 for the Epworth Village at York, Nebraska, to be used for dental and medical care. Our Foreign Supply Asking is $335.00 for the India-Bengal Conference. This totals $1,260.00 Supply Askings for the Louisiana Conference. Miss McGowan suggested that local units contribute budgeted amounts over askings to missions. It was reported that by 1960-61 there will be elected a Jurisdiction Chairman of Supply Work for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

A recommendation was presented by Mrs. McSween concerning policies for paying expenses from the Cultivation Fund. After discussion, Mrs. Kilpatrick moved the adoption of the recommendation as presented with the exception of the paragraph concerning expenses of the delegates to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and that this paragraph be referred to a committee. Motion carried. Miss Batton appointed Miss Cooper, Mrs. Nugent, and Miss Langford to study the paragraph on expenses of the delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and present their recommendation following lunch.

Mrs. Wideman Watson stated she would retire at the end of this year as Woman's Society of Christian Service Secretary of Literature and Publications. She expressed her appreciation of having been able to serve on the Guild Standing Committee.

Miss Batton reported that a Guild Chairman of Literature and Publications would be elected at the Spring Meeting in March, 1960.

It was announced by Miss Batton that plans were underway for a Spiritual Life Retreat to be held at Lake Louise, Canada, in June of 1960. It is expected the cost will be approximately $296.00. The retreat would be jurisdiction-wide and led by Mrs. Alice Pletz, Jurisdiction Guild Secretary.

Dates for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah have been announced as June 10, 11, and 12, 1960.

The question of continuing the Friday night social at the Spring Meeting for the Standing Committee and Conference Guests was discussed. A motion was made by Miss Carter that this matter be decided by the Program Committee. Motion carried.

Attention was called to the new rules in planning mission tours. In the future all tours will first have to be approved by the Conference Board of Education in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mrs. W. D. Cotton, representing the Monroe District in the absence of Mrs. J. B. Thompson, expressed her pleasure in attending the meeting and announced the Rayville Guild had sent four worship settings for use at the Weekend.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell expressed her appreciation in being asked to serve on the Guild Standing Committee and offered to serve in any way that she was needed.

The meeting was adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

Afternoon Session

The Standing Committee reconvened.

Miss Cooper presented a revised paragraph on expenses of delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and moved its adoption. Motion carried.

The following recommendation was now approved by the Standing Committee and ready for presentation to the Conferenc voting body.

Recommendations on Finance:

1. Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of members of the Standing Committee.

2. Expenses of members of the Standing Committee to the Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund, since this meeting is designated as a business meeting.

3. Expenses of the Conference Secretary and Chairmen of Lines of Work and such other persons coopted to the Coaching Conference shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund.

4. Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Coaching Conference shall be paid from District Cultivation fund.

5. Expenses of the Conference Secretary and the Chairmen of the three Lines of Work shall be paid to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Jurisdiction School of Missions from Conference Cultivation fund. Travel shall be in one car from central location and expenses to and from this location shall be paid by the Conference. If the Secretary or a Chairman elects to travel by other transportation she shall do so at her own expense.

6. Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

Any funds over and above expense at any meeting shall be returned to Conference Cultivation fund.

The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all funds.

There being no further business the Standing Committee adjourned.

MARILYNN CARTER
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WEEK-END
CAMP BREWER

July 17-19, 1959

Friday, July 17

At 8:00 p. m. members of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild joined in fellowship singing with Mrs. Paul Anderson directing and Miss Ruth Bonner at the piano.

Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Retired Missionary to Malaya and China, showed slides of the work being done in Malaya. The closing meditation was brought by Miss Nowlin entitled "To Kindle A Growing Light."

Saturday, July 18

The morning watch was held at 7:00 a. m. at Vesper Point with Mrs. George Smith, Lake Charles District Secretary, bringing the meditation.

A workshop "Toward Better Programs" was conducted at 8:45 a. m. Miss Ruby Craton, Ruston District Chairman of Missionary Education, was chairman and Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Woman's Society Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, was resource person.

At 10:30 a. m., Miss Maree White, Lafayette District Secretary, was moderator of the panel "A Better Understanding of the Work of the Wesleyan Service Guild." Members of the panel were: Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of *Guild Times;* Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Woman's Society Conference President; and Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Woman's Society Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion.

Afternoon Session

The Thirteenth Annual Weekend of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild officially convened at Camp Brewer at 2:00 p. m. with Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, presiding. The program theme used throughout the meeting was "To Kindle A Growing Light." Miss Arline Tyler was program chairman.

The session opened with the singing of the hymn, "O Jesus Master When Today." The opening meditation and prayer were given by Mrs. Minza Rabun.

Miss Sue Batton introduced the following: Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. J. T. Harris, Louisiana Conference Chairman of Committee on Christian Vocations; Mrs. Wideman Watson, Woman's Society of Christian Service Member at Large; Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, Retired Missionary to Malaya and China; Mrs. Paul H. Anderson, Song Leader; and Miss Ruth Bonner, Pianist. The following District Secretaries were introduced: Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Alexandria; Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Baton Rouge; Miss Maree White, Lafayette; Mrs. George Smith, Lake Charles; Miss Mildred Evans, New Orleans; Mrs. Earl Nugent, Ruston; Miss Hazel Cooper, Shreveport; and Mrs. W. D. Cotton substituting for Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Monroe.

Miss Batton appointed a Journal Committee. Appointed to serve on the committee were: Miss Hazel Cooper, Miss Margaret McGowan, and Mrs. E. T. Cowell.

A presentation of the approved study, "The Role of the United Nations in World Affairs," was made by Mrs. E. T. Cowell, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations. Miss Sue Batton presented the study, "The Church's Mission in Town and Country."

Members of the New Orleans District presented a drama, "Into Life" depicting mission work in the world today.

Evening Session

A very inspiring vesper service at Vesper Point was conducted by Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin.

Mrs. Paul Anderson, Song Leader, led the group in a songfest.

Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education, was moderator of the panel: "Facing the Challenge of Our Task in Recruitment." Members of the panel were: Miss Hazel Cooper; Miss Mabel Ruth Nowlin, and Mrs. J. T. Harris.

The evening session was closed with a solo, "My Task," sung by Mrs. Anderson.

Sunday, July 19

Services began Suday morning at Vesper Point with a meditation led by the Rev. Jimmy Caraway, Minister, David Haas Memorial Methodist Church in Bunkie. The meditation was closed with Holy Communion.

Presentation of the Bible study, "The Gospel of Luke," was made by Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman of Spiritual Life. Mrs. F. G. Phillips presented the study "Africa."

The business session was called to order by Miss Batton. Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman of Supply Work, presented charts showing the supply askings for this year and what the cash would be used for. The Two Home Supply Askings are Sager Brown, Home at Baldwin, Louisiana, and the Epworth Village at York, Nebraska. The Foreign Supply Asking is India-Bengal Conference. Miss McGowan urged all Guild units to send $2.00 to the Magazine and Picture Fund, which is one of the Supply Askings.

Miss Elizabeth Langford spoke for *Guild Times* and reported there had been a total of 568 subscribers last year. She announced a goal of 700 subscriptions had been set for this year. It was recommended each Guild keep a permanent file of *Guild Times* and give a subscription to the minister and the President of the Woman's Society, that they may keep informed about the Guild.

Miss Batton called on the Recording Secretary to present the recommendation from the Standing Committee. The Secretary read the following recommendation: It is recommended that the Finance Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service adopt the following policy of paying expenses relating to the Wesleyan Service Guild.

1. Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. This includes expenses of members of the Standing Committee.

2. Expenses of members of the Standing Committee to the Guild

Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund, since this meeting is designated as a business meeting.

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All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

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The Conference Treasurer shall disburse all funds.

The Secretary moved the adoption of the recommendation. A count of the voting delegates was made, there being 66 voting delegates present. Question was presented and motion was unanimously carried.

Miss Cooper reported for the Journal Committee. She stated that the committee had reviewed the minutes and found them to be in order.

A letter from Dr. Vela Cleveland, Medical Missionary to India, was read by Miss White. The latter was in the form of travelog describing her experiences from the time she left the Spring Meeting in Baton Rouge last March until she arrived in India.

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur reported 140 persons had registered for the Weekend and that some reservations had to be refused for lack of facilities. A motion was made by Miss Marie Pace and amended by Mrs. Wideman Watson, that next year registration fees be collected at the time reservations are made; and that, if reservations are canceled as much as a week before the meeting, the fee be refunded. Motion carried.

Dates for the following meetings were announced by Miss Batton: Conference School of Missions at Centenary College in Shreveport, August 17-21; Coaching Conference and Mid-Year Executive Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, on September 19-20; Spring Meeting in Shreveport, March 16-17, 1960; and Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 10-12, 1960.

The business session was closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Miss Tyler presided during the morning worship service. A very inspiring message was brought by Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Secretary of Spiritual Life of Conference.

During the dinner hour Miss Batton declared the Thirteenth Annual Guild Weekend adjourned.

MARILYNN CARTER
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COACHING CONFERENCE

Camp Brewer—September 19-20, 1959

The Coaching Conference of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at Camp Brewer, Saturday, September 19, 1959. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p. m. by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, and opened with prayer.

The following persons were present: Misses Sue Batton, Margaret McGowan, Arline Tyler, Hazel Cooper, Elizabeth Lowery, Maree White, Mildred Evans, Dorothy Dunbar, Marilynn Carter and Mesdames Earl Nugent, Clayton G. Mainous, Geo. R. Smith, F. G. Phillips, E. T. Cowell, Louise Baldridge, and Minza Rabun.

The Coaching Conference material was presented as follows:

Part 1: Employed Women and the Church—Miss Carter.
The Changing Role of Women—Miss White.
Discussion led by Miss White.

Part II: The Christian Faith and the Industrial Age—Mrs. Phillips.
The Christian Faith and the Industrial Age—Mrs. Mainous.
Discussion led by Miss Cooper.

Part III: The World in Which We Live—Miss Evans.
The World in Which We Work—Mrs. Cowell.
The Church as an Instrument in the Changing Industrial Order—Miss Tyler.
Discussion led by Miss McGowan.

Following the presentation of this material, ways of using it on the district and local levels were discussed.

A letter from Dr. Vela Cleveland was read to the group.

Attention was called to promoting subscriptions for **Guild Times** and a cover in which to compile **Guild Times** was presented. The cover will sell for fifty cents.

Miss McGowan, Supply Chairman, reported that money or gifts (preferably money) could be sent to Epworth Village and Sager Brown to be used for Christmas. If money is sent it should be sent with the treasurer's report and marked: Extra, Christmas Gift.

Miss Tyler, Spiritual Life Chairman, and Mrs. Cowell, Christian Social Relations Chairman, called attention to the articles they had written for **Guild Times.**

Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. Phillips, urged that more Seminars be held on the district level and that the number of studies for the year had exceeded previous years.

An evening meditation was presented by Mrs. Nugent.

Morning Session

The morning session was called to order by Miss Batton and opened with prayer.

Corrections to the Journal were made. The Secretary read the minutes of the Camp Brewer meeting and was instructed to prepare and mail copies to all Conference Officers and Guild Units.

The matter of electing a Conference Chairman of Literature and Publications was discussed. After consideration, motion was made by Mrs. Cowell and duly seconded that the Woman's Society Literature and Publications Secretary continue to serve the Guild in the field of Literature and Publications with a Guild member appointed to assist.

Miss Tyler moved that Mrs. Wideman Watson and the retiring Conference Guild officers be presented with honorary life memberships at the Spring Meeting. Motion carried. Retiring officers will be Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Missionary Education Chairman and Miss Margaret McGowan, Supply Work Chairman. Each Guild is to contribute $3.00 towards the memberships. Money is to be sent to Miss Carter, Recording Secretary.

Miss Batton stated the Woman's Society requested that we appoint a Guild member to serve on the Christian Social Relations Committee. Motion was made by Miss Cooper that Mrs. Cowell, Guild Christian Social Relations Chairman, be appointed to serve on the committee. Motion carried.

A discussion, led by Mrs. McSween, was held concerning the budget which was set at approximately $1,500.00 and the pledge to Missions set at $15,900.00. Details of the budget are to be worked out later.

Two recommendations from the School of Missions Guild Clinic were read by Maree White. They are: (1) that the Promotion Secretary's Report be changed to include the type of study completed by the local unit: Jurisdiction Recognition, Efficiency, or No Credit; and (2) that the words "Answer October Report only" be deleted from questions 7 and 8 on the Promotion Secretary's Report. Miss White moved that these recommendations be sent through the proper channels to the Woman's Division for consideration. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned.

MARILYNN CARTER
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 1960

The Standing Committee of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild met at 10:30 a. m., Saturday, March 19, 1960, at the Washington Youree Hotel, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary, and opened with a devotional by Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life. The group then observed a period of silent prayer, concluded by Miss Batton for Miss Marilynn Carter, who was ill.

Miss Maree White was elected to serve as Recording Secretary **pro tempore.**

In response to roll call, the following were present: Misses Sue Batton, Arline Tyler, Margaret McGowan, Elizabeth Langford, Maree White, Mildred Evans, Hazel Cooper, Mesdames F. G. Phillips, E. T. Cowell, Alvin Sandefur, Clayton G. Mainous, George R. Smith, J. B. Thompson, Earl Nugent, L. B. Kilpatrick, B. F. Patterson, Wideman Watson, and Sam Dunbar. Guests present were Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the South Central Jurisdiction, and Miss JoAnn Newby of Methodist Information.

A letter from Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Women's Society Conference

Secretary of Supply Work, was read. It was suggested that the Recording Secretary write Mrs. McGowan thanking her for her work on the Standing Committee.

Miss White was instructed to send a telegram to the Recording Secretary.

Miss Tyler moved that notes be sent by the secretary to the absent members. Motion duly carried.

It was moved and duly carried that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Miss Batton appointed the following committee:

Journal Committee: Mrs. Earl Nugent, Chairman, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, and Mrs. George R. Smith.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Chairman, Elizabeth Randol, Beverly Biehler, and Dolly Brown.

Constitution and ByLaws Committee to bring the Standing Rules in line with the Division: Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, and Miss Sue Batton.

Distributing Tellers: Maggie Hinton, Thelma Louise Jones, Marilyn Hudson, and Dean Causey.

Counting Tellers: Mildred Evans, Pauline Rogers, Elizabeth Beard, and Louise Guthrie.

Miss Batton announced that Miss Langford had consented to edit **Guild Times** for another two-year term. Mrs. Cowell moved that the Standing Committee confirm the appointment. Motion duly carried. Mrs. Kilpatrick commended Miss Langford and the Guild on the wonderful paper and thanked them for it. Miss Langford reported that she had not drawn the $200.00 allotted in the budget, and that she has enough money to publish the next two issues.

Miss JoAnn Newby was presented by Miss Tyler. She spoke briefly.

Mrs. Kilpatrick thanked the Guild, Miss Tyler, and Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Conference Spiritual Life Secretary of the Women's Society, for the prayer vigil conducted during the Annual Meeting of the Guild and the Woman's Society.

Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., was presented. She commended the Guild for its good work and spirit. She especially commended Miss Langford for **Guild Times.**

Miss Langford presented the blue cover for **Guild Times** copies. The covers will be available by mail for fifty cents each.

Mrs. Sam Dunbar was presented. She spoke briefly, thanking the Guild for its cooperation in Supply Work.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Conference Secretary of Promotion of the Woman's Society, was welcomed. She spoke briefly.

Miss Margaret McGowan suggested that Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry of New Orleans, newly-elected Secretary of Supply Work of the Conference, be elected to serve on the Standing Guild Committee to replace Mrs. C. B. McGowan. This was approved and is to be presented as a recommendation at the afternoon session.

It was announced that Mrs. Warren Orr of New Orleans had been elected to serve as Secretary of Literature and Publications of the Conference Society. Mrs. Alvin Sandefur nominated Miss Grace Lawson to assist Mrs. Orr in handling literature for the Guild. The Standing Committee approved the nomination.

Miss Tyler thanked the Woman's Society for including the Guild in the Prayer Vigil, and thanked the districts for cooperating.

Miss McGowan reported that the Supply Askings for the coming year were in, but not the amounts. The Askings will be: Home—Epworth Village, York, Nebraska, and Dulac Community Center; and Foreign—India, Lucknow Conference.

Miss Batton presented the following budget for the coming year. It was approved by the committee.

Conference Secretary	$ 100.00
Recording Secretary	50.00
Missionary Education Chairman	50.00
Spiritual Life Chairman	50.00
Christian Social Relations Chairman	50.00
Supply Work Chairman	50.00
Guild Times	200.00
Mid-Year Standing Committee Meeting and Coaching Conference	150.00
Annual Spring Meeting	400.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions	170.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	125.00
Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation	105.00
Total	$1,500.00

The proposed Wesleyan Service Guild pledge for 1960-61 was read by Miss Batton. Mrs. Cowell moved that this pledge be accepted. Motion carried. The pledge by districts adopted is as follows: Alexandria $1,700.00, Baton Rouge $2,450.00, Lafayette $1,000.00, Lake Charles $1,900.00, Monroe $2,150.00, New Orleans $2,000.00; Ruston $2,-010.00, and Shreveport $2,700.00. Total $15,910.00

Miss Langford presented Miss Batton the ballots for Mrs. Minza Rabun, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Miss Batton read the ballot. Missionary Education: Mrs. John Looby, New Orleans, and Mrs. Austin Miller, Monroe. Supply Work: Mrs. Tom Guthrie, Bastrop, and Miss Maree White, Opelousas.

Miss Batton made the following announcements relative to the new quadrennium: Promotion Secretary reports will be made twice a year; Treasurers will report four times a year. Other changes will be sent to the District Secretaries.

A ruling from Mrs. Alice Pletz, Jurisdiction Guild Secretary, was announced by Miss Batton: a District Secretary may co-opt an assistant if she cannot do all the work alone. This person will have no status.

Mrs. Watson announced that the Wesleyan Service Guild Conference Secretary will have an article in the Woman's Society newspaper to appear in the middle of June. The first issue will go to all conference and district officers and to local Guild presidents. Mrs. P. D. Lambert will edit the paper. Articles to be included are to be sent in by May 15.

Dates for the following meetings were announced by Miss Batton: Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 11-12; Jurisdiction School of Missions at Mt. Seuoyah, June 13-17; Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer, July 15-17; Conference School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, August 15-19; and the Guild Standing Committee Coaching Conference at Camp Brewer, September 10-11. The faculty for the Conference School of Missions was announced.

Miss Batton distributed registration blanks for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend to the District Secretaries who will collect names from their respective districts and then send them to Miss Batton.

Mrs. Patterson closed the meeting with prayer, after which the group adjourned for lunch.

MAREE WHITE
Recording Secretary **pro tempore**

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

March 19-20, 1960

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Ninth Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened in the Sanctuary of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 19, 1960, at 1:45 p. m., with the Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" was sung. The program theme used throughout the meeting was "Christ's Changeless Purpose For A Changing World."

The opening meditation was given by Mrs. Rachel Rogers, Spiritual Life Chairman of the Shreveport District.

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was declared in session by the Conference Secretary, Miss Sue Batton. The welcome address was given by Miss Hazel Cooper, district Secretary of the Shreveport District.

Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman of the Program Committee, was presented by the Conference Secretary. Miss McGowan gave the presentation of the program.

Miss Maree White, the Recording Secretary **pro tempore**, read the following committee appointments:

Journal Committee: Mrs. Earl Nugent, Chairman, Mrs. F. G. Phillips, and Mrs. Geo. R. Smith.

Resolution Committee: Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Chairman, Elizabeth Randol, Mrs. Beverly Biehler, and Mrs. Dolly Brown.

Constitution and ByLaws Committee: Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Sue Batton, and Miss Dorothy Dunbar.

Distributing Tellers: Miss Maggie Hinton, Miss Thelma Louise Jones, Marilyn Hudson, and Mrs. Dean Causey.

Counting Tellers: Miss Mildred Evans, Pauline Rogers, Mrs. Elizabeth Beard, and Mrs. Louise Guthrie.

Mrs. Minza Rabun, Chairman of the Nominating Committee read the following nominations: For Chairman of Missionary Education—Mrs. John Looby, New Orleans, and Mrs. Austin Miller, Monroe. For Chairman of Supply Work: Mrs. Tom Guthrie, Sr., Bastrop, and Miss Maree White, Opelousas.

Miss Batton asked for nominations from the floor. Miss Margaret McGowan nominated Mrs. Louise Baldridge from New Orleans for Supply Work Chairman. There was a motion that the nominations for Supply Chairman be closed and motion was duly carried. Miss Marie Pace moved that nominations for Missionary Education Chairman be closed. Motion duly carried.

A count of the voting delegates was made, there being 79 voting delegates present. Printed ballots were distributed by three tellers as Miss Thelma Louise Jones was not present. The delegates were instructed to write in the name of Mrs. Louise Baldridge on the ballot for Supply Work. The counting tellers collected the ballots and retired to count them and prepare their report.

Miss Batton presented Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who in turn introduced Mrs. Elisa Ocera of the Philippine Islands. Mrs. Ocera is one of ten women from eight countries visiting in the U. S. as guests of the Woman's Division of Christian Service until after General Conference. She brought greetings from the Woman's Society of her country and expressed her happiness at being in the United States on this tour. Mrs. Ocera spoke for a few minutes on the organization and work of the Woman's Society in the Philippines, explaining that there is no Wesleyan Service Guild in that land, but that most of the Woman's Society meetings are held on Sunday, making is possible for employed women to attend. They have sent out several foreign workers—a deaconess to Okinawa, two nurses to Sarawak, and a doctor to Malaya.

Miss JoAnn Newby, representing Methodist Information, was presented and spoke briefly. Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., President of South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society was introduced. Four co-ordinators were present and stood to be recognized.

The Recording Secretary read two recommendations made by the Standing Committee and moved their adoption:

First, that Mrs. C. J. Tackaberry, newly-elected secretary of Supply Work of the Conference, be elected a member-at-large of the Standing Guild Committee, replacing Mrs. C. B. McGowan, whose term expires.

Second, that Miss Grace Lawson be elected as a Guild member to assist Mrs. Warren Orr, Conference Secretary of Literature and Publications of the Woman's Society.

The recommendations were seconded by Mrs. Kilpatrick and passed.

Miss Mildred Evans read the results of the election: Mrs. Austin Miller, Missionary Education Chairman and Mrs. Tom Guthrie, Sr., Supply Chairman.

A vocal solo, "Beatitudes," was sung by Miss Beverly Van Sandt. Miss Arline Tyler read appropriate passages of scripture while the Missionary Candle, lighted by Mrs. Wideman Watson, burned for five minutes. A packet of materials on Vocations and Missionary Personnel was presented to each delegate by Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Mrs. Kilpatrick installed the newly elected officer, Mrs. Guthrie. Mrs. Miller was not present to be installed.

Miss Batton gave the Conference Secretary's report. She stated that there were 2,110 members at the last period report, but that four new units had been organized since that time giving a present total of 110 units. She named the meetings she had attended and reported on the growth of the Guild in the Louisiana Conference. She then read some of the recommendations from her printed sheet.

Mrs. E. T. Cowell gave her report as Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Conference Chairman of Missionary Education gave her report. She presented Mrs. Wideman Watson who will serve as Conference Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Society for the next four years. Mrs. Phillips announced the dates for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah (June 11 and 12), for Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend at Camp Brewer (July 15-17), and for the Louisiana Conference School of Missions (August 15-19). She thanked the Conference for the privilege of having served in her office the past four years.

Miss Arline Tyler gave her report as Conference Chairman of

Spiritual Life. She reported increased interest in Quiet Times Apart and almost unanimous participation in Week of Prayer.

Miss Margaret McGowan, Conference Chairman of Supply, presented Miss Lillian Gaines who has been sending out Dr. Vela Cleveland's letters from India to the Guilds. She then presented Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Sr., Jurisdiction Secretary of Supply Work. Miss McGoowan announced that the supply askings for 1960-61 would be: Home—Epworth Village, York, Nebraska and Dulac Community Center. Foreign—India, Lucknow Conference.

The very impressive candlelight pledge service followed, led by Miss Batton in the absence of Mrs. J. H. McSween, Conference Treasurer of the Woman's Society.

District	No. Members June 1, 1960	Amt. Pledged
Alexandria	236	$ 1,700.00
Baton Rouge	296	2,450.00
Lafayette	100	1,000.00
Lake Charles	304	1,900.00
Monroe	288	2,150.00
New Orleans	267	2,000.00
Ruston	235	2,010.00
Shreveport	318	2,700.00
Total	2,039	$15,910.00

The afternoon session was closed with prayer, after which the group was entertained at a tea in the Fellowship Hall. In charge of arrangements were the Mangum Unit I and the Alma Levins Unit Guilds.

A fellowship dinner was served at 6:00 p. m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington Youree Hotel with Mrs. F. G. Phillips presiding. The invocation was given by Dr. Jolly B. Harper, District Superintendent of the Shreveport District. Fellowship singing was enjoyed by the group with Dr. A. C. Voran directing.

Honorary Life Memberships were presented to retiring officers by Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion to: Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Chairman of Missionary Education; Miss Margaret McGowan, Chairman of Supply Work; and Mrs. Wideman Watson, Woman's Society Secretary of Literature and Publications, who served as a member-at-large on the Guild Standing Committee.

The closing prayer was given by Miss Sarah Wadsworth, Chairman of Missionary Education of the Baton Rouge District.

Evening Session

The evening session convened at 7:30 p. m. in the Sanctuary of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church with Miss Batton presiding. A hymn "The Church's One Foundation" was sung and prayer was led by Rev. Fred Shirley. "The "Hallelujah" anthem was sung by the Noel Choir.

Miss Batton introduced Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Sr., who introduced the speaker for the evening, Mrs. W. E. Horton, Jr., President of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society. Mrs. Horton's address was entitled "Christ's Changeless Purpose Working Through Business Women Today."

The Communion Service and the Dedication of Gifts conducted by Dr. B. C. Taylor and guests ministers concluded the evening session.

The love offering totaling $207.15 will go for Missionary Cultivation. Dr. Taylor gave the closing prayer.

Sunday Morning

A quiet breakfast was held Sunday morning at 7:00 a. m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington Youree Hotel with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Spiritual Life Chairman, presiding. The invocation was pronounced by Mrs. Ray Cooley, Lake Charles District Chairman of Spiritual Life. A solo was sung by Dr. A. C. Voran. The morning meditation "A Commitment to the Changeless Christ" was given by Mrs. G. W. Dameron. The closing prayer was given by Miss Marianna Johnson.

At 8:30 a. m. the business session was called to order by Miss Sue Batton, Conference Secretary. Miss Batton explained that the Conference Recording Secretary, Miss Marilynn Carter, was absent because of illness and because of the death of her father the previous week. The group united in silent prayer, concluded by Miss Batton for Miss Carter.

Miss Batton introduced Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of **Guild Times,** and announced she would continue to serve as editor for the next two years. Miss Langford made a plea for **Guild Times** co-operation and urged more enthusiasm for subscriptions. She requested a goal of 750 which is still not enough with a Guild membership of over 2000. Subscriptions for 750 will pay for the publishing of over 1000 copies for four issues. September thru July is the **Guild Times** year; the dollar covers those four issues regardless of the time the subscription comes in. She stressed the importance of using the same name and address unless there has been a change.

Mrs. Austin Miller, newly elected Secretary of Missionary Education, was presented. She thanked the group for the opportunity to serve and pledged to do her best.

Miss Batton called for nomination of two delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend. After the nomination of Miss Maree White, Mrs. Earl Nugent, and Miss Elizabeth Lowery it was moved by Miss Marie Pace that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. A count of the voting delegates was made, there being 80 voting delegates present. Elected as delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend were Misses White and Lowery with Mrs. Nugent to be first alternate. Nominations were called for an alternate delegate for the Conference Secretary to the Jurisdiction meeting. She must be a district secretary. Mrs. C. G. Mainous was nominated and elected.

Mrs. Mainous, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported:

"We, of the Resolutions Committee, on behalf of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who made this, our Ninth Annual Meeting possible. We extend special thanks to Dr. B. C. Taylor our host pastor, Rev. Fred Shirley, Associate Pastor, Miss Margaret McGowan, Program Chairman, Miss Hazel Cooper, Shreveport District Secretary and her special committees for registration, transportation, information, banquets, teas, breakfast and fellowship hour.

"To the Program Committee we express our deep appreciation for the outstanding program and beautiful music which warmed our hearts.

"We extend special thanks to our guest speakers for the inspirational messages they brought us.

"In closing, we wish to thank Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick for her guidance and co-operation and our own Miss Sue Batton for the untiring leadership and spiritual guidance she has given this conference."

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Randol
Beverly Biehler
Dolly Brown
Emma Mainous, Chairman

It was reported the corsage committee had collected $113.00 which will go to missions.

Miss Hazel Cooper, General Chairman, gave the following report on registration: Alexandria District 12, Baton Rouge District 31, Lafayette District 6, Lake Charles District 29, Monroe District 22, New Orleans District 21, Ruston District 27, and Shreveport District 60. This totaled 208 present, with 26 guests at the banquet.

The floor was opened for an invitation for the meeting next year. An invitation was extended by Mrs. Geo. R. Smith, District Secretary, on behalf of the First Methodist Church of Lake Charles. It was moved and duly carried that the invitation be accepted. Dates of the meeting are to be March 18-19, 1961.

Miss Batton announced a retreat to Lake Louise, Canada, was being planned by Mrs. Alice Pletz, Jurisdiction Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. She also announced that the Coaching Conference would be held at Camp Brewer on September 12, 1960.

It was reported by Mrs. Earl Nugent that the Journal Committee had reviewed the minutes and found them to be in order.

Miss Batton again expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Dameron for their contributions to our conference and the inspiration they had brought by their presence and their participation.

Miss McGowan introduced Mrs. Dunbar who gave an address entitled "A Christian's Challenge for a Changing World."

Prayer by Mrs. E. T. Cowell closed the meeting.

Maree White
Recording Secretary, **pro tempore**

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

(NOTE: The Department of Law has been revised since the printing of the 1958-1959 Annual Report.)

Constitution and Bylaws of Conference Societies will be found in **A Guide** and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service:

ARTICLE I.

Duties of officers and secretaries of lines of work, Sections 1 to 16 inclusive. Delete 15, Status of Women.

ARTICLE II.—Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer may immediately succeed herself in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer, who may be elected for one additional term. The term of office for all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Missionary Personnel, and a secretary of Missionary Service.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following officers shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Promotion, a secretary of Missionary Education, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Supply Work, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six women from the conference, three of whom shall be conference officers or secretaries of lines of work, for membership in the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, all of whom shall serve for four years.

(a) The three officers shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of promotion. The other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated offices, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

(c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.

(d) If and when vacancies occur among the offices elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall replace them.

(e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 4. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the Jurisdiction

Woman's Society, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society.

Section 5. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary of lines of work, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative, and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Article II, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate).

ARTICLE III.—Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Woman's Division on a basis agreed upon by the division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge to the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committee meetings, expenses of delegates to the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. One-half of one cent (½c) per adult member of a conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 5. Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount equal to fifteen cents (15c) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer.

Section 6. District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

Section 7. The week of Prayer and Self Denial offering shall be sent to the conference treasurer who in turn will channel it to the treasurer of the Woman's Division to be applied to the objects designated each year by the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE IV—Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee of the conference society shall be composed of the officers and secretaries of lines of work of the Conference Woman's Society, all members of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference, chairmen of standing committees, the president of each district Woman's Society, and such other persons specifically related to the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as the conference society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The division shall provide the expense for the attendance of division members for one executive meeting annually of their conference society.

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary of a line of work to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of standing committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VII, Section 2 of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an administrative committee of seven, who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. This committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of promotion, and two other members.

Section 3. When three years or more of an unexpired term of office is filled in a conference office, it shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE V.—Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations which shall include district secretaries of Christian Social Relations, one or more representatives of the Wesleyan Service Guild, nominated by the standing committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the conference, department membrs living in the conference, and special resource people coopted as needed. This committee shall make recommendations to the conference society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations in accord with the lines of work outlined by the division and jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service with a chairman and secretary elected annually. This committee shall be composed of the vice-president, the treasurer, the secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education, Missionary Service, Christian Social Relations, Wesleyan Service Guild, Literature and Publications, Spiritual Life Cultivation, the Dean, the Assistant Dean and such other members as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Missions and Christian Service which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through the integrated program of missionary education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life Cultivation and Program Building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action, composed of the secretary of Missionary Education, secretary of Missionary Service, and secretaries of Christian Social Relations of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation. This committee may coopt such other members as may be needed. The chair-

man of this committee shall be elected annually by the committee.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year which shall include seminars, workshops, retreats, and any other educational activities, and shall make recommendations concerning the same to the conference society.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the conference, as chairman; the president, the secretary of Promotion, the secretary of Missionary Education, secretary of Missionary Service, the secretary of Christian Social Relations, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Supply Work, the treasurers of the districts and a limited number of women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman.

It shall study the strength of the societies in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, Promotion, Wesleyan Service Guild, Student Work, Youth Work, the district secretaries of Missionary Personnel, the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions, and of the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be coopted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian Service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Section 8. (a) An Advisory Committee shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more Rural Work Projects. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of Missionary Education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, the

Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the District Superintendents of the districts in which Rural Workers are located, and one or more members-at large. The Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Rural Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Rural Deaconess shall report quarterly to the Rural Advisory Committee, who shall direct her work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a Rural Worker, a district advisory sub-committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee may wish to add. The sub-committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the conference the advisability of continuing each worker of the district.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District Secretaries of Promotion, and such other members as may be needed, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of the standing committees. It shall report its findings when called for to the Conference Society.

Section 10. There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Report composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of Promotion, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 11. There shall be a Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Program, composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually

Section 12. There shall be a Standing Committee on Place of Meeting composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary of lines of work. These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium. It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Mid-Year and Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between the northern and southern part of the state.

Section 13. There shall be a Standing Committee on Cooperative Youth Work composed of the Conference Secretary of Youth Work, who shall be the chairman, the Conference Director of Youth Work, and the secretaries of Student Work and Missionary Personnel. The committee may coopt additional members as the need arises.

It shall be the duty of the committee to study the needs of youth, especially in the areas of Missionary Education and Christian Vocations, and to develop a correlated program of study and action to meet these needs. The committee shall consider the total programs of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student Organization and make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning opportunities and plans for cooperation with these organizations. It shall recommend to the districts plans for a unified approach to the total program of work with youth and their adult leaders.

ARTICLE VI.—Bylaws and Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the division, provided a thirty-day's notice is given in writing to all members of the division by the executive committee or by the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the division.

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the division for presentation to the division.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day's notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws; copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in **A Guide** and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

ARTICLE I.

Duties of officers and secretaries of lines of work Section 1 to 16 inclusive. Delete 15, Status of Women.

ARTICLE II.—Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected district officers.

Section 2. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by their respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district treasurer.

Section 3. District officers shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office, with the possible exception of the treasurer, whose term is limited to eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election. The term of all officers shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one to be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work and Missionary Personnel. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Promotion, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Literature and Publications, Supply Work and Spiritual Life Cultivation. The District Woman's Society of Christian Service shall determine the method of election of its officers.

Section 4. At the last annual or executive committee meeting preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer, or secretary of lines of work. The expenses of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

ARTICLE III.—Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by the Conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

ARTICLE IV.—Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee of the distrct society shall be composed of the zone leaders, officers, secretaries of lines of work and chairmen of standing committees of the District Woman's Society, and member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the officers and secretaries of lines of work of the jurisdiction and conference Woman's Societies, who reside within the district. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer, or secretary of line of work to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of standing committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an administrative committee of seven, who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE V.—Standing Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such standing committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. There shall be a Committee on Annual Meeting Program, composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a standing committee on Finance composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian Social Relations, Missionary Education and Service, Promotion, Supply Work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society.

This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall be the duty of the committee to study the strength of the societies in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE VI.—Bylaws and Amendments

Section 1. (See Article VI Bylaws and Amendments, Conference Society).

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from the Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society, the Conference officers are expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District treasurer, and the District secretary of Supply Work.

5. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. Each District Seminar collection, after local expenses are paid, shall be turned over to the Conference secretary of Missionary Education for the Seminar Cultivation.

8. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

9. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee, and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expense to be paid by their society.

10. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, recording secretary, the treasurer and chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

11. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

12. In view of the fact that letters have been received from certain business concerns asking the Woman's Division to endorse and promote through its channels their plans to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products, we urge a strong statement be sent in reply, refusing such endorsement.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Woman's Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the church.

14. The Program Committee shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for selecting speakers for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

15. The conference president may attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service either her first or second year of office at conference expense.

16. Each officer shall render to the conference treasurer quarterly itemized statements covering office expense. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

17. A sum not to exceed $300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

18. Conference officers in the pattern attending the Jurisdiction School of Missions are each allowed $10.00 subsidy from the Woman's Division and/or the Jurisdiction. District officers substituting for conference officers in the same line of work and meeting all requirements will be allowed the subsidy.

19. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her prorata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

20. A subsidy of $9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the quadrennial pattern attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Missions.

21. Expenses of one car from each district to the Conference School of Missions will be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district will assume expense of persons to the place car pool originates.

22. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to $300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Finance Committee shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to this fund shall be decided by the executive committee.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Promotion.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the Annual Meting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time, the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The secretary of Promotion in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the secretary of Promotion of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD:

NOTE: For the Constitution and ByLaws, see Constitution and ByLaws of the Woman's Division. The Committee appointed to bring the Constitution and ByLaws in line with the Division ByLaws and Constitution is working, but not ready for this Annual Report.

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